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Public Safety Task Force gets reboot, pushes projects

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ARCATA – Last week's meeting of the Public Safety Task Force was different from those previous in several ways. Meeting No. 5 had a bare quorum, with just seven of its 12 members in attendance. It was mostly conducted by a professional facilitator, and followed a crisp pace. You could hear everyone fairly well, despite the lack of any amplification. And, the meeting's goals were mostly accomplished without lengthy debate.

Admittedly, the goals were largely about the task force itself – clarifying its mission, vision and work plan. But it also acted to produce some practical results.

After public comment and approval of minutes, Facilitator Heather Equinoss, hired by the city to help get the group on track, took charge of the meeting. She had the members “re-situate your bodies” so as to face the audience, as well as her and her whiteboard.

She asked the members for the equivalent of “tweets” – short statements about their motivations in being part of the task force. responses included a common theme of community service, addressing Arcata's shortcomings by giving citizens a place to engage with its government.

Equinoss presented a draft charter for the task force to review, delineating its purpose, mechanics, desired outcomes, processes and member roles.

According to the document, its vision is to forge a partnership among all Arcata's public safety stakeholders – government, citizens, schools, businesses and others – to help Arcata realize its potential. The task force's mission, in a nutshell, is to give residents a place to work together to accomplish the vision.

The task force's newly clarified purpose and duties include analysis, identifying threats to public safety and prioritizing them, finding solutions, implementing ac-

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❖ HISTORIC SALMON CRISIS

Mega fishing fee hikes ripped

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NORTH COAST – With North Coast fishing gutted by a doomsday falloff of salmon and crab stocks, state legislators are savaging a Department of Fish and Wildlife proposal to lash fishermen with staggering landing fee hikes of 1,300-13,000 percent.

At the “low” end, the 1,300 percent levy would apply to almost every fishery in the

Salmon may be wiped out; fishermen struggle. A3

state, legislators say.

For crab fishermen, the new tax would be a colossal 13,000 percent increase.

Sen. Mike McGuire (D-2nd District) accuses the Department of Fish and Wildlife of rank hypocrisy in its complaint about

industry objections to the soaring fees.

Recently “we heard representatives from Fish and Wildlife say that they were ‘hurt’ by the fleet criticizing these increases,” McGuire said last week at a senate hearing he chaired about the salmon collapse. “The only ones who are hurting in California are those who are losing their boats, those who are literally losing their homes, those who struggle to put food on

FISHING FEES ❖ A3



WELL, THAT WAS A FUN! It was an epic weekend of fun, fun, fun with the rolling party called the Kinetic Grand Championship. Top, the volunteers who make the event possible. Middle, sculptures converge on the Arcata Plaza. Above, the streets were cleared and the Plaza packed for launch at noon. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION, ROOFTOP PHOTO BY KLH | UNION

❖ FATAL STABBING

HSU mum on donations

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ARCATA – The Humboldt State University administration declines to say if it is taking part in marshaling donations solicited by the family of slain sophomore David Josiah Lawson.

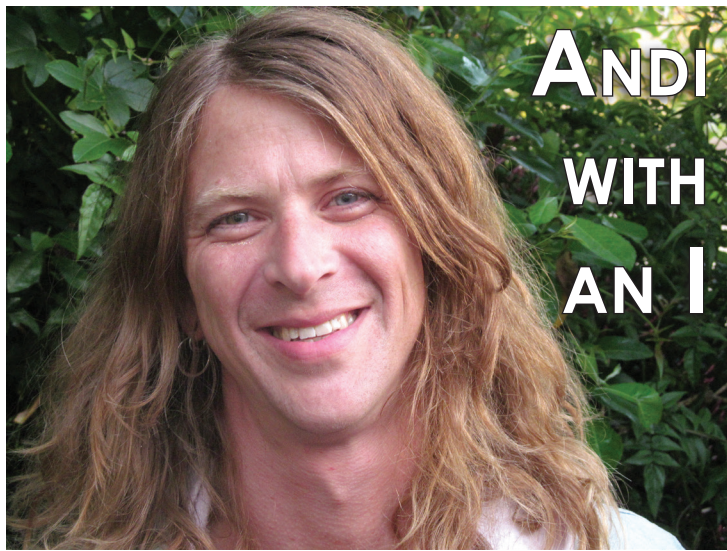
While Arcata Police investigators continue to interview witnesses, including new ones, in the unsolved homicide case, Vice President Craig Wruck, chief of the Humboldt Loyalty Program and private donations and bequests, relayed a “no comment” last week via a press aide in response to a *Union* inquiry.

The campus Quadrangle was the venue of a press conference May 18 where Lawson's mother, Charmaine Michelle Lawson, accompanied by relatives, offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her son's unknown killer.

She solicited donations on Facebook and a Gofundme page and HSU President Lisa Rossbacher met with her briefly afterward.

Spokesman Jarad Petroske said in a telephone interview Friday

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ANDI WITH AN I

GENDER PIONEER Andi Rostad amended a court form to become legally gender nonbinary. PHOTO COURTESY ANDI ROSTAD

Humboldt County legally recognizes nonbinary gender

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HUMBOLDT – Andi Rostad defies categorization. On May 15, the 36-year-old said, they became the first resident of Humboldt County to be legally declared gender nonbinary. And if California Senate Bill 179, the Gender Recognition Act, passes, they will not be the last.

(Rostad's preferred pronouns are they/them/their – see page A5.)

SB-179 is wending its way through the approval process. It passed the Senate Appropriations Committee last Thursday and will be eligible for a floor vote as early as today, May 31.

Should it pass, it will be halfway to enactment, having to go through the State Assembly voting process.

People who define themselves as nonbinary identify neither as male or female, but rather as both or neither. Even prior to the enactment of the proposed law, a number of Californians – from San Diego to San Francisco – have appeared before the courts in recent months to legally change their gender to nonbinary. Sarah Kelly Keenan, an intersex resident of Santa Cruz, was the first person in California to be granted the status last September.

NONBINARY ❖ A5

A NOTE ON TERMINOLOGY

- ❖ **Sex:** A person's biological chromosomes, hormonal profiles, internal and external sex organs.
- ❖ **Intersex:** A person born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not fit the typical definitions of female or male sex. About one percent of humans are intersex.
- ❖ **Gender:** The characteristics that a society or culture delineate as masculine or feminine.
- ❖ **Nonbinary:** A person with a gender identity that does not fit the masculine/feminine binary.

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Unit gets overhauled

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County is pursuing changes that will make code enforcement actions much quicker and easier to administrate, with more leeway for imposing fines.

The continued evolution of the county’s Code Enforcement Unit was discussed at the May 16 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Given a variety of options, supervisors directed legal staff to develop a “substantially expedited” code enforcement option that reduces the time between giving notice of a code violation and taking action to abate it.

Under this approach, abatement and penalty hearings would be combined instead of held separately and maximum fines for violations would be increased multifold.

Calls for an expedited code enforcement process emerged with the county’s recent commercial marijuana cultivation ordinance. Supervisors noted that when marijuana-related violations are flagged, the length of the process allows growers to avoid penalties by harvesting plants.

Supervisors support quickening the process but Supervisor Estelle Fennell asked County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck to comment on due process rights.

“That’s why my office is drafting it – due process rights will be met,” Blanck said. “In any option we bring to you, we’re going to be really clear that due process rights are being followed.”

He added that various circumstances – such as failure to request an appeal hearing – will affect the extent of due process.

Conducting the abatement and penalty hearings at the same time is a “significant change” that will make code enforcement “much more efficient,” Blanck continued.

With the board’s chosen option, the time between notices of violation and abatement orders will be 10 days, compared to 75 days under the current process.

Fines of up to \$1,000 a day for failing to abate nuisances would amount to maximum penalties of \$90,000 for every 90 days, compared to \$10,000 under the current system.

Supervisor Rex Bohn described the new approach as being supportive of the rights of residents who are calling for nuisance abatements in their neighborhoods.

“That’s what I’m going to worry more about, is their rights, because their property values and their health and safety is threatened every day that we prolong this,” he said.

Regarding marijuana-related code violators, Bohn said attention to them will be sparked by complaints.

He added, “We’re not going to be sending code enforcement driving around and looking at their laptops saying, ‘OK, are they legal?’”

Another change supported by supervisors is to have the Code Enforcement Unit handle referrals directly,

CODE ENFORCEMENT ❖ A4

❖ BAYSIDE

New challenges for Baywood harvest plans

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ARCATA – Baywood Golf & Country Club’s plan to harvest timber on and about its golf course in the hills above Bayside is proceeding through the approval process, but not without challenges.

Unveiled April 2 at a quasi-public meeting at the venerable club, the Timber Harvest Plan (THP) was filed May 1, then returned by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) on May 11 with 22 requests for corrections.

The THP was resubmitted one week later, on May 18 by Registered Professional Forester Cameron Holmgren, hired by Baywood to manage the harvest. Holmgren revised the plan to address Cal Fire’s list of initial issues, correcting errors and adding supplemental data.

Cal Fire responded by scheduling a pre-harvest inspection (PHI) to occur sometime before June 4. It also sent a new, seven-item list of new concerns to be addressed. Taking advantage of the still-open public comment period, citizens affected by the planned harvest also filed lengthy lists of issues they want addressed.

In its new list of concerns, Cal Fire asks Holmgren to address multiple issues before the PHI takes place. Among them:

- The initial “mitigation measure” for the expected 200 log truck trips past Sunny Brae Middle School included vague and unenforceable language about “minimizing hauling” during “peak times” of traffic congestion at SBMS. Cal Fire asks that the specific times of day for student dropoff and pickup be defined, and that what’s intended insofar as minimizing hauling be spelled out.
- Protections for plant and animal species that may be impacted by the harvest must be more fully documented.

- Better data on roads and waterways is also required.

A one-line public comment filed by Sunny Brae resident John Schmidt states that “I support the Baywood Country Club’s plan to responsibly harvest trees on their property!”

The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) filed a comment. It contends that the re-filed THP is incomplete and “unacceptable” because it lacks a required “errata sheet” listing revisions to the plan.

A 2 ½-page letter from Stan Binnie and Kimberly Tays, residents of nearby Hadley Place, offers multiple objections, ranging from the inadequacy of the noticing for the April 2 meeting at Baywood to zoning issues and the many “intolerable and excessive impacts” the harvest may inflict on the neighborhood. These include impacts to wildlife, plus noise, traffic, property values and public safety.

One point it raises is whether or not a county Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required for harvest and log hauling through a residentially zoned area.

Concludes the letter, “Due to the foregoing concerns, we are respectfully requesting that Cal Fire and the other permitting agencies involved deny the approval of Baywood’s THP.”

The CUP issue and others are further addressed by citizen Alexis George, who also emphasizes safety problems the harvest may cause for Buttermilk Lane residents and SBMS. Noting more impacts to waterways, wildlife air quality and more, it asks that the THP be denied.

The evolving THP and any public comments that have been submitted may be reviewed at ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/North_Coast_Region/THPs/THPs2017/1-17-044HUM/. Comments may be submitted to Cal Fire at santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov. Be sure to reference THP#1-17-044HUM.

Kitchen defense will call expert witnesses

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EUREKA – Marci Kitchen’s defense team will summon expert witnesses to testify at her jury trial on multiple charges of hit-and-run vehicular manslaughter.

Although Eureka attorney Patrik Griego did not disclose the nature of the expertise at Kitchen’s arraignment May 25, his line of questioning at his client’s preliminary hearing suggests the approach he will take.

The trial date is to be announced June 13.

As Kitchen was arraigned and fingerprinted, co-counsel Griego said he

needed time to organize expert witnesses. At the preliminary hearing, he took aim at the California Highway Patrol investigation for lack of analysis of speed rate/time/distance calculations; road, visibility and lighting conditions; and the presence of pedestrian/vehicle traffic, among other factors.

Kitchen is accused of killing two 14-year-old girls, one of them her daughter, in a collision in July on Eel River Road on the outskirts of Fortuna.

Her daughter Kiya and her daughter’s close friend Faith Tsarnas died when Kitchen allegedly slammed into

the skateboarding teenagers from behind at a high rate of speed, throwing both 300 feet or more. She was driving a 2015 Jeep Wrangler which weighs 3,700 to 4,300 pounds.

Kitchen is accused of drunken driving, fleeing the scene and related charges. She pleaded not guilty to all of them and is free on \$750,000 bail, as she has been since she turned herself in September after a long delay.

Her son and a family friend have alleged that Kitchen admitted shortly afterward to hitting the girls and killing them both. Tsarnas died at the scene, Kiya Kitchen at Oakland Children’s Hospital.

Task Force | ‘Being ambitious is what gets things done’

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tions, finding funding and ultimately, reporting to the Arcata City Council.

A workplan and timeline laid out key milestones to be accomplished during the next four months’ meetings, all driving the group toward tangible public safety solutions.

While some members expressed concern about the ambitious workplan, member Josh Neff embraced the challenge. “Being ambitious is what gets things done,” he said.

As the members commented, Equinoss noted their suggestions with alternate use of green, blue and purple pens for clarity,

and members were appreciative. Chair Anjali Browning said she liked the plan, as did member Brooke Epperly. “Your diagram is very helpful,” she said.

Equinoss said the task force will have “another pass” at the newly reformulated foundations at its next meeting.

The group then reviewed the fruits of some of its subcommittees’ labors. A new public safety resource tri-fold pamphlet is just about ready. It lists a range of public safety phone numbers from police to social services, as well as guidelines on how to effectively report crime. A smaller fridge magnet version is also planned.

Architect Garrett McSorely outlined

plans for the path project, a plan to improve safety on the walkway through Cahill Park to Arcata Elementary School. Initially a response to the sexual assault on a child by a mentally ill man last September, the project will involve new lighting and a sculpture. It is something of a model for more elaborate, electronically surveilled “Safe Corridors” which may link Humboldt State with central Arcata.

Much more planning and fundraising will be required for the path project, with events planned for June and July. A launch party is scheduled for Aug. 26.

The Neighborhood Subcommittee offered a report on a recent Valley West vi-

sioning meeting. The top five “categories of concern” for residents and businesses are homelessness and family resources, infrastructure and maintenance, drug use and needle disposal, and “the need for crime reduction via larger police presence.”

Valley West activist Lucy Salazar helped the task force review the findings. The subcommittee will work with the city and its GIS resources to identify where best to locate things like trash cans, trails and other new fixtures. Volunteer workdays may be held to help develop Valley West park. Measure Z funds may be requested to help fund projects.

A new website, safearcata.org, is under development. That URL currently forwards to the task force’s page on the City of Arcata website.

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
While the <i>Union</i> strives for accuracy, we also strongly recommend that you verify dates and times prior to setting out to attend any of the following public meetings.			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Arcata Fire District Board of Directors Meets third Tuesday	Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m.	Arcata Station Classroom 631 Ninth St., Arcata	arcatafire.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Bulding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Meets second Thursday	Thursday, June 8 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meetings
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, June 6 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District Meets third Thursday	Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee Meets last Wednesday	today, May 31 at 6 p.m.	Middle School Conf. Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov
Westhaven Community Services District Meets third Wednesday	Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.	Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 6th Ave., Westhaven	(707) 677-0798 wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com

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❖ HISTORIC SALMON CRISIS

S.O.S. report: Salmon, steelhead, trout face extinction

All things by nature are ready to get worse, lapse backward.
– Virgil, *The Georgics*

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CALIFORNIA – Nearly 75 percent of California’s 31 salmon, steelhead and trout species could be wiped out within 100 years by climate change, drought and human factors if current ecological trends are not reversed, according to new scientific research.
Urgent dam removal, habitat restoration and other measures are recommended in a joint analysis by the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences and by California Trout (CalTrout), the San Francisco-based conservation and environmental think tank.
Extinction may not be a century distant. The 2017 report “verifies that 45 percent of California’s native salmon, steelhead and

trout will be extinct within 50 years.”
The 45 percent comprises 11 of 21 anadromous species and three of 10 inland species. Anadromous fish (salmon), born in fresh water, live for the most part in the sea but return to fresh water to spawn.
The UC Davis/CalTrout analysis states that after climate change, the top three human threats to anadromous species are overwhelmingly agriculture, deformed estuaries and high-intensity agriculture. The leading threats to inland fish are alien species, fire and hatcheries.
The pressure for state and private management action is considered urgent because conservation and restoration measures take years of lead time to come to fruition.
Countermeasures are in a race against the acceleration of global warming, which shows no sign of abating. April 2017 data in NASA’s Global Climate Change monitoring

system show heat-trapping (greenhouse) carbon dioxide levels continuing to climb through the rest of this year and all of 2018.
Northern California summer steelhead are of “critical concern” and NorCal winter steelhead of “moderate concern,” based on voluminous data and tables in the UC Davis/Cal Trout joint report, *S.O.S. II, Fish in Hot Water*.
Critical concern means “in serious danger of extinction in their native range within the next 50 years.”
Moderate concern means winter steelhead are under no immediate threat of extinction but are “in long-term decline” or are characterized by “naturally small, isolated populations.”
Summer steelhead are in jeopardy because of “rapidly disappearing” water flows and cool water temperatures. Fish need cold, clear water.
Both natural and manmade causes are

at fault: “Drought-related flow reductions and illegal and unregulated diversions to support exploding marijuana cultivation.”
S.O.S II endorses last year’s Eel River Action Plan, set forth by the 22-partner Eel River Forum in June, as “the best option for increasing Northern California summer steelhead runs” and the species as a whole.
The plan centers on dam removal, habitat and estuary restoration, water conservation and curbing sediment flows.
Estuary restoration is needed in major watersheds for the benefit of all salmonids, including the Eel, Klamath, and Smith rivers and Redwood Creek.
The joint study concludes, “The science behind this report has made it clear: many of [sic] salmon, steelhead, and trout are in poor condition, with the last several years of severe drought pushing several species to the edge of extinction.” The full study is posted at Caltrout.org/sos/.

North Coast salmon income tumbles

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NORTH COAST – The salmon collapse threatens to blitz Eureka fishermen with a 70 percent income loss.
Crescent City expects a 50 percent plunge, Ft. Bragg the same.
The estimates are from the Golden Gate Fishermen’s Association, presented last week in Sacramento at a state legislative hearing where Association President Roger Thomas delivered the dire news.
“Folks in general that are salmon fishing have lost interest in doing it,” Thomas stated. “Things are going to hell basically and there’s no salmon.”
“The numbers from the North Coast are massive,” agreed Sen. Mike McGuire (D-2nd District, North Coast, North Bay), chair of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, who hosted the hearing.
Dave Bitts, president of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, said “the numbers are so bleak” for commercial Klamath fishing – 3 percent for ocean fishing and 8 percent for ocean and rivers combined – that many fishermen felt there should be no fishing at all this summer.
Bitts said he believed it had been prudent at the time the go-ahead was given to allow minimal catches despite the crisis. “But from what I’ve heard from the rates of catch

so far, I’m not confident we did the right thing by allowing any fishing at all,” he cautioned.
Catch rates, he added, are “very poor.”
Some fishermen are continuing to fish for crab and those returns are marginal, too. “But as long as you’re ahead at all, you might as well keep doing it, because right now it looks better than salmon,” Bitts testified.
Witnesses said owners are facing the loss of their boats, their homes and their marriages. Tribal allocations are at an all-time low and Native American officials fear their people could lose their foremost way of life.
Ancillary industries – tourism, tackle shops, restaurants, hotels/motels – suffer the knock-on economic effects.
There is mounting worry in particular about the fate of new fishermen just starting out, with high investments at risk.
“In the last few years,” Bitts testified, “we’ve seen more young fishermen come into the business than I had seen in the previous 20 years. These are people that have boat payments, mortgages, kids in school – a whole complex of expenses that geezers like me no longer face.
“I’m really worried that we’re going to lose those people who are the future of the fishery,” he lamented. “And I don’t know the answer; I don’t know what the answer is to that.”

Scientists recommend ‘reconciliation ecology’

Paul Mann
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CALIFORNIA – A new California science study endorses a management technique for wild fish called “reconciliation ecology.”
The study cites as an example a Central Valley initiative, the Yolo Bypass experiment, which manages rice fields to mimic natural floodplains.
The approach “creates substantial growth benefits for juvenile salmon,” according to a new analysis by UC Davis and California Trout, *S.O.S. II, Fish in Hot Water*.
Reconciliation ecology takes into account that most ecosystems, such as salmonids, are altered extensively by human work and activity.
“Working landscapes” should fuse human-dominated ecosystems with efforts to support salmonid growth and diversity, according to the *S.O.S. II* report.
The 41-day rice field/floodplain experiment was summarized in a separate report four years ago by UC Davis. Chinook salmon were introduced to the rice fields of the Yolo Bypass flood plain, where they fed abundantly on insects on

their way to the sea.
The marriage of fish and farming joined a food-rich habitat for fish with human ecological management, enabling both salmon and agriculture to thrive. Juvenile chinook growth rates in fresh water set records in the reclamation exercise.
S.O.S. II warns it is essential to protect the best of what riparian habitats are left. “Few fully functioning river ecosystems, with relatively intact watersheds and high-quality habitat, exist today in California, such as the Smith River, Blue Creek, the Eel River and Butte Creek, among others. This is reason enough to make managing systems like these in perpetuity the highest priority, to protect salmonid diversity and production.”
The study notes that many of the historically productive and diverse habitats used by salmonids are either blocked behind dams and levees or are “significantly altered and no longer function properly. Restoring such habitats and access to them is of paramount importance.”
Illustrative of the human-caused damage is the severe depletion –

an estimated 95 percent – of historical Coho salmon populations on the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast.
As ever, recommended conservation measures include removing the four lowermost Klamath dams, scheduled for 2020, to restore access to historical cold water habitat, and halting all production hatchery programs for Coho salmon to allow wild stocks to recover.
Other recommendations are stopping illegal water diversions and expanding the deployment of water storage tanks to maintain cold stream flows during all seasons.
“The relatively recent reduction in salmonid life history and behavioral diversity means that salmonids are less able to adapt to a rapidly changing California,” the U.C. Davis/CalTrout analysis says. “Access to diverse and productive habitats, and reductions in interactions between hatchery and wild salmonids, are fundamental to restoring salmonid resilience.”
Absent relief, the state will lose most of its salmonid diversity, with a few groups maintained as low-diversity “boutique” populations.

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Lawson | Reward, but no new tips

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that the Rossbacher administration had made the campus community aware of the donations request, but had not encouraged either institutional or personal contributions.
There was no explanation of why Wruck refused to comment on Lawson’s appeal for financial help in tracking down her son’s killer. Her younger son Anthony is reportedly headed to college. There is no word on whether he intends to follow in his brother’s footsteps and attend Humboldt State.
The investigation of Josiah Lawson’s knife slaying is in its second month and Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman said in telephone and in-person interviews Friday that his department has received no phone calls to date in the wake of the \$10,000 reward. He declined to comment on whether walk-ins had visited police headquarters since the award was announced.
More witnesses are being interviewed, some who were at the Spear Avenue house party and some who were not. Lawson was stabbed twice in the torso in the early morning hours of April 15, Easter weekend.
Partygoers were said to have numbered 50 to 100 and police allowed most of them to leave the crime scene when Lawson was rushed to Mad River Community Hospital.
Chapman voiced hope the reward might still produce fresh leads as the investigation continues. A judge dropped murder charges against a McKinleyville man, Kyle Zoellner, because a knife found at the scene could not be linked to him, although he admitted he had been in a fight with Lawson minutes before the stabbing. Judge Dale Reinholtsen urged further investigation, as did District Attorney Maggie Fleming. Witnesses at Zoellner’s preliminary hearing in early May gave conflicting accounts of what happened and no one claimed to have seen the stabbing or a knife.
Police confiscated a 10-inch knife of unknown origin or ownership from underneath a car at the crime scene in a Spear Avenue cul-de-sac, where multiple homes and residents are situated.

Fishing fees | Fisherman already hit hard

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the table at the holiday.”
For those beleaguered fishermen and their families, McGuire said acidly, the department’s pangs are “crocodile tears.”
Governor Brown’s proposed 13,000 percent toll on crabbers would strike a fishery which suffered unprecedented setbacks in the 2015-2016 disaster, when seaborne domoic acid forced shutdowns.
Many fishermen harvest both crabs and salmon and additional landing taxes would hammer them with a double blow.
Introducing last week’s meeting of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, McGuire called “unconscionable” the attempt to bridge Fish and Wildlife’s \$20 million budget gap with heavier financial burdens on fishermen.
“What we need is action in support of the industry from the agency that regulates the fishery,” McGuire said in his rebuke.
Assemblyman Jim Wood (2nd District), committee co-chair, echoed that. “The hard working men and women who rely on these fish to support their families have been put in a terrible situation through no fault of their own.”
The salmon industry is being whipsawed by a panoply of Cassandra-like trends: Global warming, poor ocean conditions, prolonged drought, juvenile salmon disease, illegal stream diversions by illicit marijuana growers

and federal water management policies that have caused high mortality and very low survival rates for juvenile salmon.
Landings by the commercial fleet plummeted to 55,051 salmon in 2016 from 502,110 salmon in 2004, an 89 percent nosedive.
The unprecedented loss of Klamath River salmon stocks means there will be no commercial or recreational fishing in the Klamath Management Zone this year. The Klamath and Trinity River recreational salmon fisheries will be closed.
Thomas O’Rourke, chair of the Yurok Tribe, testified that the impact on his tribe is “devastating across the board.”
Conservationists and environmentalists fear the Trump White House is poised to make matters worse.
At last week’s Group of 7 summit in Taormina, Sicily, President Donald Trump skirted the issue of whether he will withdraw the U.S. from the milestone Paris Agreement on climate change, which went into force in November.
A year ago, candidate Trump said he would “scrap completely” the pact. But an aide said Trump’s views are “evolving” under pressure from world leaders not to withdraw.
“We are at an inflection point,” Doug Obegi, senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, told McGuire’s panel. He called the Trump administration “a clear and present threat to California salmon.”

Obegi cited the nomination of Colorado lobbyist and attorney David Bernhardt to be deputy secretary of the Interior, the department’s chief operating officer, responsible for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service.
Bernhardt “sued to reduce protections for endangered salmon on behalf of Westlands,” Obegi recalled, referring to the San Joaquin Valley’s Westlands Water District lawsuit that sought to undo court-imposed protections for endangered salmon in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
Although Westlands dropped the suit, “we can expect that in the years to come the Trump administration will seek to weaken protections for both endangered salmon and the fall run Chinook salmon that are the backbone of our state’s fishery,” Obegi asserted.
However, at Bernhardt’s May 18 Senate confirmation hearing, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, endorsed Trump’s nominee as “an excellent choice, an avid sportsman who understands the need for balance between conservation and development.”
As Bernhardt’s nomination goes to the full Senate, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a statement late last week saying that Brown and Oregon’s governor have written to the U.S. Commerce Department seeking the declaration of a regional fishery disaster and a commercial salmon fishery failure.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Meet Captain Disreputable, Sketchy McFreakshow and Peace Through Donuts

• **Tuesday, May 16 6:43 p.m.** At least a gallon of diesel fuel flowed down a storm drain at Old Arcata Road and Noga Lane.

6:51 p.m. The guy who lives under the tree in the hardscrabble lot near 12th and I streets hadn't moved all day and almost seemed kinda corpsey, but evidently wasn't.

7:41 p.m. A dine and dash at a Plaza restaurant cost the beloved hometown eatery some \$40.72.

• **Wednesday, May 17 2:11 a.m.** A man called to complain about harassment by a guy who lives in Eureka and is "somehow transporting his voice into his room."

2:19 p.m. Why the elderly gent on Valley West Boulevard was staggering in and out of traffic isn't precisely known, but speculation centered on the open booze container he was clutching.

2:35 p.m. The brown-panted Mohawk bro and frequent coplog flyer was yelling it up some more on H Street, his favorite haunt.

8:10 p.m. A woman traveling with a man grew weary of his drunken companionship and wished to expel him from her car in a Uniontown parking lot. But he, in his green jacket, inevitable baseball cap and with dogged drunken determination, refused to unload his crap from her car so she could move on with her life.

9:03 p.m. A bicycle left locked up outside overnight, even at the hospital, is not safe, as a suddenly-former bike commuter there learned the hard way.

9:06 p.m. A woman slumped over her steering wheel outside a remote Heindon Road diner was awakened by a concerned passerby. She reacted with hostility, then re-slumped.

9:53 p.m. A grandma reported her granddaughter's ex-boyfriend at her place, using the door and windows in ways for which they weren't exactly designed. Upon the doors, he pounded with his tiny fist; at the windows, he yelled. The tall, thin, angry man displayed key elements of the classic beard-and-camouflage-jacket Captain Disreputable rig.

• **Thursday, May 18 8:50 a.m.** The Peace Through Donuts movement took a hit when someone arguing outside a downtown shop that sells the holey pastries chose pepper spray persuasion to make their point.

9:16 a.m. Dawn's rosy fingers illuminated the latest assaults on reason throughout town, including the imbecilian graffiti scrawls sprayed over the lovely mural by artist Tori McConnell on the storm drain inlet along Seventh Street by the Community Park switchbacks, which of course were also severely doltified (*see page A6*).

11:51 a.m. A Ninth Street gift shop got worked by a he-she jewelry shoplifting team. The male cut a protective line securing a ring, and in an instant, it, along with they, were gone.

1:10 p.m. Spray-painted dimwittery spread to a retaining wall next to a Community Park health club.

3:16 p.m. A multi-species squad of beings were observed on Trail 11 near the power lines. Two men headed up the detachment, with a yak, a goat and duck fleshing, furring and feathering out the entourage.

4:10 p.m. The traveler-behassled Valley West cannabis clinic noted the arrival of another occupied motorhome out front.

4:19 p.m. A red-haired Uniontown supermarket shoplifter was a carousel of color (and larceny), her attire including a red tank top, black purse, beige shopping bag and blue jacket with green writing.

5:19 p.m. More local color reverse-graced a J Street parking lot, where a less-than-gruntled man in green clothing with a red shirt had to have the syringes he had amassed confiscated. Still he lingered there, curating his other collection – of small liquor bottles. Despite his impres-

sive collection of mind-alteration curios, the passerby harassment sealed his fate of being moved along.

5:30 p.m. A goateed man in a red sweatshirt and backpack made off with a wrench set from a downtown hardware store.

6:09 p.m. Sketchy McFreakshow, resplendent in blue pajama pants and rich in free time, chose the occasion of a parents' open house at a Janes Road school to loiter out front.

9:55 p.m. A man entered a California Street laundromat after it was closed and started a wash. He refused to leave the closed business, but was persuaded by police.

10:55 p.m. A man outside a Spear Avenue house yelled and hit things.

11:39 p.m. A chair dumped on F Street was put to use by one of Arcata's many freelance nonsense-yellers. The cushiony comfort allowed him to augment his bleatings by "thrashing around," according to a witness.

11:58 p.m. A light-skinned female in a dark hoodie slashed all four tires on a Ninth Street car.

• **Saturday, May 20 2:41 a.m.** "Get out!" "Stop it!" These exclamations rang out at an affordable Valley West motel, with a police visit and warrant arrest ensuing.

9:32 a.m. An ex-boyfriend could push his way into his ex-gf's home, but not her heart. She called police; he left.

2:06 p.m. A man who said he was homeless asked to use the facilities at a Bayside Road fraternal lodge in order to "change." He was next seen wandering about the parking lot, peering into vehicles until moved along, so any changes he made didn't include reducing slithy tove activity.

7:49 p.m. A blue Volkswagen seemed to fascinate a black-hoodied man in Northtown, who circled around the car for 20 minutes or so while holding up a cup of coffee. His orbit was interrupted by an officer, who moved him along.

8:03 p.m. In an arcane, as-yet unexplained ritual, an ex-husband showed up at a woman's front door holding a child's bicycle, kicked at her door several times and then left.

10:35 p.m. A woman who lives in her vehicle parked it on 10th Street, and that's where it was burgled, with everything removed.

10:56 p.m. "Jessica!" yelled a woman banging on a Valley Wester's front door. The person was arrested.

11:02 p.m. A different woman, clad in a white coat and pajama bottoms, used the doorbell at a Spear Avenue home to unsettle the occupant.

• **Sunday, May 21 12:21 a.m.** So drunk and heroin-addled was the man staggering his way westbound in Tavern Alley, his orange sweatshirt and jeans tried to fall off his body.

12:36 a.m. While staggering was this orange sweatshirt-man's specialty, playing well with others was maybe not so much. After he got into an entirely unnecessary fuss-frisson with peaceable taco truck customers north of the alley, he was arrested.

12:57 a.m. A drunk talked his way into a guy's Seventh Street mobile home, then forced the occupant outside and locked the door. Clink! went the handcuffs.

2:39 a.m. Alcohol again propelled someone into jail-o, this time a driver going against the grain, that being the directional arrows indicating one-way streets at Eighth and H streets.

4:18 a.m. The reality-distortion field known as Eye Street logged another unusual circumstance when a woman said three guys followed her home from a bar, came into her unlocked home and stole her car key. This prompted fears that they would steal the car itself.

Drug raid nets \$170K, 200 lbs. of bud

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Dual drug seizures in McKinleyville and Humboldt County Route 1 led to three arrests May 25, coupled with the confiscation of some \$170,000 in cash, the impounding of about 200 pounds of processed/package marijuana bud and the capture of nearly 5,500 marijuana plants.

Arrested were Rhett Baker, 35, and David Garibay, 30, in the 2600 block of Visser Court in McKinleyville; and Adrian Villagrana, 41, captured on a rural piece of Baker's property off Route 1, where several subjects reportedly fled into the brush when law enforcement arrived. More arrests are expected.

Officers of the multi-agency Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized approximately 200 pounds of processed/package marijuana bud, a digital scale, pay and owe sheets and approximately \$150,000.00 in U.S. currency from illegal drug sales at Baker's Visser Court residence.

The search of the Route 1 property disclosed two large indoor diesel grows and several greenhouses. Both indoor grows and the greenhouses contained growing marijuana.

A loaded firearm and \$20,000 in illegal drug proceeds were located at that Baker property, home to 5,497 growing marijuana plants.

Water was being diverted from a nearby creek and Humboldt County Environ-

mental Health Inspectors found the diesel tanks contained red dye. No hazmat business plan had been filed, no spill control measures were in place and no secondary containment vessels had been deployed.

Unauthorized waste oil had flowed into the soil and agents found unauthorized waste storage in a 55 gallon drum of used oil.

No applications or permits had been filed to grow marijuana at either the McKinleyville or Route 1 locations.

The task force said in a communiqué that the arrests and seizures resulted from the confiscation nearly 18 months ago of some 400 pounds of processed marijuana discovered by Illinois State Police on a traffic stop and traced to Humboldt County.

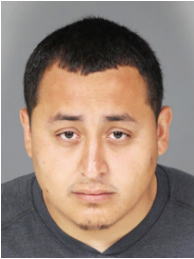
Baker was arrested in suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale, cultivation of marijuana, conspiracy, money laundering and violation of probation. He faces related charges for environmental crimes at his rural property.

Garibay was arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sales and for conspiracy and Villagrana for cultivation, resisting arrest and conspiracy.

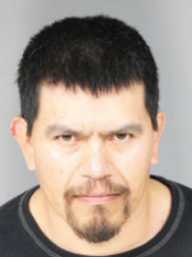
Task force agents were assisted by members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County Code Enforcement, Humboldt County Environmental Health, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Illinois State Police.



Rhett Baker



David Garibay



Adrian Villagrana

Man gets 8 years for assaulting 76-year-old woman

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

EUREKA – On May 24, 38-year-old Jason Curtis of Eureka was sentenced to eight years in prison for his assault on the 76-year-old owner of the STUFT POTATO restaurant in Eureka.

The sentencing follows Curtis' guilty plea to felony elder abuse inflicting injury and admission of the special allegation



Jason Curtis

that he inflicted great bodily injury on a victim over 70 years of age.

Curtis received an additional eight-month sentence because he was on felony probation for vandalism when he committed the assault.

This outcome stems from Curtis' actions on Oct. 23, 2016. When the owner asked the defendant to leave her business he punched her, breaking her nose and knocking her to the ground.

Three Humboldt Bay Fire personnel at the restaurant rushed to her aid and detained Curtis.

Arcata man appointed Superior Court judge

GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. May 22 announced the appointment of Gregory J. Elvine-Kreis to a judgeship in the Humboldt County Superior Court.

Elvine-Kreis, 47, of Arcata, has been supervising attorney at the Humboldt County Public Defender's Office since 2013, where he served as a deputy public defender from 2010 to 2013.

He was an associate at the Law Offices of Mark Berg from 2003 to 2010. Elvine-Kreis earned a Juris Doctor degree



Greg Elvine-Kreis

from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Humboldt State University.

He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge W. Bruce Watson. Elvine-Kreis is a Democrat.

The compensation for this position is \$191,612.

TEENS PLUCKED FROM RIVER The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three teenagers May 23 from the Smith River approximately seven miles east of the U.S. Highway 101 bridge in Crescent City. Del Norte County Sheriff personnel contacted Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay watchstanders in McKinleyville at approximately 5:50 p.m., reporting that three teenagers became stranded after their vessel capsized and they needed a helicopter to assist in the rescue. A Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay MH-65 Dolphin helicopter rescue crew launched and arrived on scene at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The helicopter rescue crew hoisted all three teenagers into the helicopter transferring one to shore and the other two teenagers were taken to Crescent City Airport where they were met by awaiting Emergency Medical Personnel. There were no serious injuries reported. "Assisting local partner agencies is a vital part of the Coast Guard mission in our remote area of operations," said Lt. Alex Lloyd, a Dolphin aircraft commander.

Code Enforcement | Expecting more pot cases

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rather than taking them from other departments.

Those who report code violations will have an easier time tracking action on their complaints, said Blanck, as the unit via his office will be the main source of administration.

Appointing a county hearing officer to administrate abatement hearings rather than the board is also being pursued, as more hearings are expected as the marijuana permitting system expands.

Supervisors unanimously voted to have County Counsel's Office staff develop and

analyze the changes and bring a plan to supervisors within 30 days.

Part of the analysis will cover the staffing needs of the new system. But with an expected increase in marijuana-related cases, the county is already moving toward expanding code enforcement staff.

County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen said the upcoming budget will include a supplemental funding request from the County Counsel's Office for three more code enforcement officers and two more vehicles.

If funded, that would bring the unit's staffing to five enforcement officers.

OPINIONNews

Rent control, the destruction of Obamacare and the big questions

❖ LETTERS

Not all rent control is bad

In January of 2015 I took two octogenarians and one septuagenarian to a meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee meeting. The topic of discussion was rent control for mobile home parks.

I have to admit that my first thought was “Why just Mobile Home Parks?” I was new to the area and had very little imbedded knowledge of the demographics of the area, but I found it hard to believe that there weren’t more renters who could benefit from some form of rent stabilization.

Fast forward to this past week. When the Arcata City Council started discussing rent control for MHPs I was anxious to try to figure out how many people would actually benefit. There are officially (according to the city) 587 units in the MHPs in Arcata. Of those only 416 would be covered under Ordinance 1487.

This number is arrived at by dividing the amount of money the ordinance, as it stands, would raise for the administration of the ordinance - \$50,000 by the yearly charge to each household \$120 is 416.

According to the 2010 census Arcata contained 17,231 persons. Of those 58 percent was living in rental units.

All things being equal those numbers probably still hold true today. So again I ask, why just the mobile home parks?

If you are in favor of rent control, or not, you have to be concerned that the best interests of the overall population of Arcata will not be served well by Ordinance 1487.

I implore all of you to contact the City Council and voice your opposition to this ordinance.

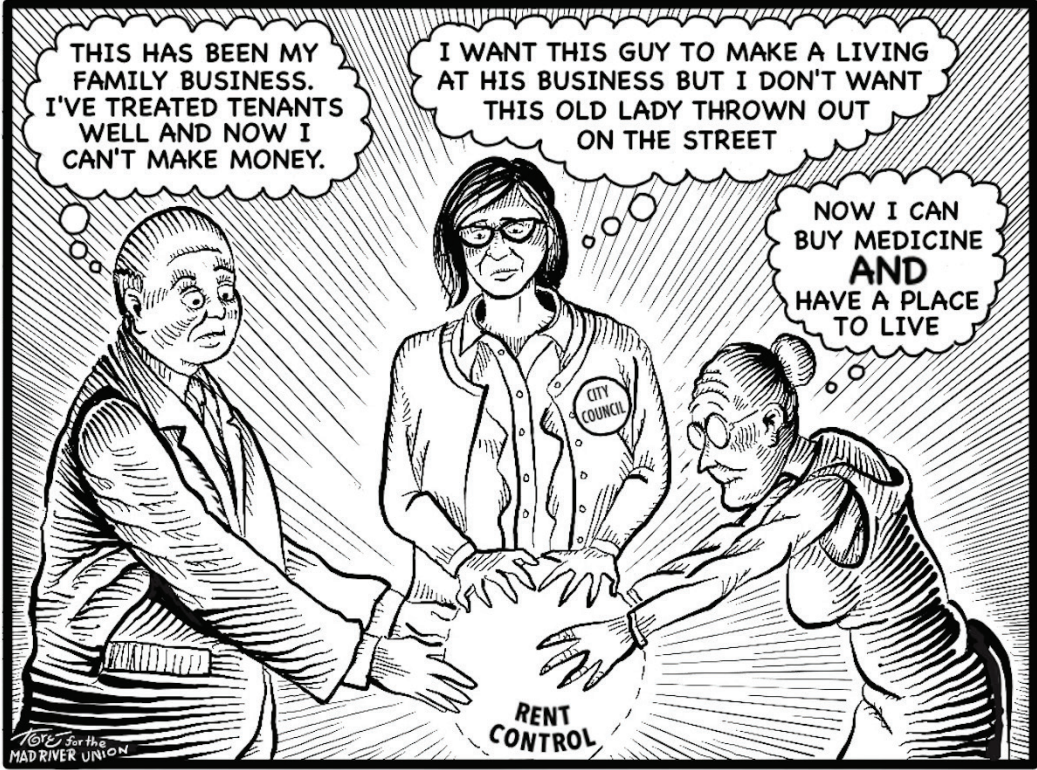
Remember, the home you save could be your own

Jan Phelps
Arcata

GOP gutting health care

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has reviewed the latest version of the AHCA (Trumpcare) and forecasts the number of newly uninsured in 2026 will now be 23 million people as opposed to the 24 million forecast for the previous version.

The administration’s budget director Mick Mulvaney has stated that one shouldn’t put much credence in any of these numbers because in his opinion, the CBO’s predictions for the ACA (or Obamacare)



News item: The Magic Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Orb supplies different meanings to different stakeholders.

participation were not accurate enough.

Regardless of his opinion, let’s say the CBO were actually off by 50 percent and 11.5 million individuals would lose coverage. Mulvaney would still see this as acceptable because the real goal of the GOP is to reduce health care costs going forward, not maintaining or expanding the future number of individuals covered.

It is unfortunate that our current GOP dominated government has been able to define the health care issue in terms of dollars and not people covered. It will be interesting to see just what number of uninsured the final version of Trumpcare will define as acceptable.

Sherman Schapiro
Blue Lake

Asking the big question

I believe that most young folks who enter their country’s military service (all countries) hold to high beliefs and pride in their country. Others hold more to a “My Country, Right or Wrong, My Country” kind of thinking. Many of these young service members end up in actual combat somewhere in some country around the world.

Some of our young warriors, though not all for sure, may begin to question what they have become a part of.

Perhaps only a small fraction come to ask not just what they have become a part of but more the question what have these people have done to us to cause us to be going through their villages with machine guns and flame throwers. Did they do something to my home, to my country?

Some may even find themselves pondering any possible role being played by those individuals and corporations profiting the most from that which they have now become such a part of.

Most of us probably try to turn away from such thoughts. No one wants to believe that any combination of government and/ or corporate officials in their country would ever get them into wars for these wrong reasons.

But it has to be that one side or the other is being lied to in these wars. Both sides can’t be hearing the real truth. Clearly at least not one country they love so much.

So now we have the different veterans’ groups and the one veteran’s building. At some point just about everyone in the Veterans for Peace chose to ask the tough questions and went where the answers took them.

The American Legion and the VFW mostly chose a different course; they would not ask the harsh questions. That would suggest some lack of trust. They would only believe that officials in their country would

not do such wrong.

So now we face the question of this moment. Should any one or two veterans organizations be allowed to continue to deny access to the veterans building by another veteran’s organization that does not agree with them?

I do hope the *Mad River Union* will stay with this most pertinent topic.

Dave Goggin
Arcata

Singing praise for supporters

The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir sends a big THANK YOU to all the local businesses, volunteers and individuals who supported our 25th Community Prayer Breakfast and Concert which was a spirited and joyful occasion and a resounding success thanks to so many people: Abruzzi, All Under Heaven, Amanda Melendrez, Arcata Co-op, Arcata Exchange, Arcata Playhouse, Art Center Frame Shop, Benbow Inn, Bootlegger, Bubbles, Buzzards Nest Antiques, Caravan of Dreams, Casa Lindra, Chapman’s Gem & Mineral Shop, Christina Anastasia, Deborah Kallish, Dell’Arte, Earth Care Landscaping, Eureka Symphony, Ferndale Repertory Theatre, Fish Brothers, Heart Bead, Heartwood Studios, Holly Yashi, Hot Knots, Humboldt Herbals, Humboldt Juice Works, Humboldt Pet Supply, Janine Volkmar, Jenni Brown, Josh Fox Bread, Judi Tarpey, Kathie Kelly, Kelly Smith, Keri Raphael, Kokatat, Laura Reneau, Libby George, Lighthouse Grill, Los Bagels, Mad River Farms Jam, Mad River Gardens, Makino Studios, Mantova’s Two Street Music, Maya Conrad, Meredith Aldrich, Moonrise Herbs, Moonstone Crossing Winery, Murphy’s Market in Sunny Brae, Natural Selection, Nona Lena, Northtown Books, Panache! Hair Salon, Ramones Bakery and Café, Ray’s Food Place, the Rev. Elizabeth Zenker, Robin’s Mosaics, Sentient Beading, Sharon Malm Read, Shorty and Leslie Ames, Simply Macintosh, Soul to Soul Spa & Foot Bar, Steven Vander Meer, Sun Valley Floral Farm, Talisman Beads, The Back Porch, The Rocking Horse, Tofu Shop, Trinidad Trading Company, Ultimate Yogurt, Vintage Avenger, Wildwood Music, Willow & Rags and Wrangletown Cider Co.

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Nonbinary | ‘It’s not just this crazy trip’

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Tall and willowy, with long hair, multiple tattoos and piercings, Rostad wore glitter and ballerina flats to our interview. “You’ll never see me wearing something that came from the men’s department,” they pointed out.

Rostad was raised male, fights “against the masculine/male box” that their body put them in and began identifying as gender nonbinary in March 2015. “I’m pushing as hard as I can in the feminine direction,” they said.

Rostad prefers to be addressed and spoken of with gender-neutral pronouns, though female or male pronouns are also acceptable. They understand that this may be difficult for some.

“It’s a lot to ask,” they said, “but it’s not too much to ask.”

Rostad found out about nonbinary gender as they were reaching a breaking point. “I couldn’t go on living as ‘a guy,’” they said, and had begun reading about other cultures with third genders. When Rostad read about Keenan’s nonbinary gender change, and later met her (Keenan prefers female pronouns), they realized that there were options open to them.

Rostad at first legally changed their name in January 2016 to Andi with an I, which better reflects their nonbinary gender identity, they said. Upon realizing that they could file for nonbinary gender, Rostad returned to the Humboldt County Courthouse to file for a gender change.

Currently, the State of California Petition for Change of Gender form only encompasses changes from male to female or from female to male. Undeterred, Rostad altered the form, adding a third box stating “from male to nonbinary” to the form and checking it off. The form was accepted by the court without comment when Rostad appeared before the judge.

“It went great,” said Rostad, “it was a

total nonevent.”

That form, and more, would have to be amended if SB-179 passes. The law would recognize a third nonbinary gender on court orders, birth certificates and state ID, including drivers’ licenses. The law would also remove the requirement that persons requesting a gender change be under medical care, replacing the need for a doctor’s letter with an affidavit by the person requesting the gender change.

Until the law is enacted, however, Rostad’s legal ID, including their driver’s license, will continue to identify them as male, at odds with their gender expression and with their legal gender. If SB-179 passes, they would be able to obtain a license with a nonbinary designation. Nonbinary persons born in California would be able to have their birth certificates amended.

However, because Rostad was born in North Dakota, their birth certificate would not match the rest of their identity documents. Rostad has not ruled out taking the fight for nonbinary gender recognition to North Dakota.

In that, Rostad would be fighting side-by-side with the Intersex & Genderqueer Recognition Project (*intersexrecognition.org*), an organization that works collaboratively with others, such as the Transgender Law Center (*transgenderlawcenter.org*), to address the rights of people to identify as nonbinary.

While Rostad describes themselves as a very private, not terribly outgoing person, they have stepped forward in the hope of helping other people who may be seeking to have their gender identity confirmed. Obtaining the legal gender change “is an extremely discreet process and nothing to be intimidated about,” they said.

To others questioning their gender or wanting to assert their nonbinary status, “It’s not just this crazy trip that you’re on by yourself,” said Rostad.

On the singular they

Some may find it enough to drive anyone out of their senses, but the use of the singular they has a long history in the English language, dating back to the 16th century. Oxford Dictionaries offers the following, from *Wayes to Perfect Religion* by Cardinal Bishop of Rochester Saint John Fisher (who was executed by Henry VIII in 1535): “He neuer forsaketh any creature vnlesse they before haue forsaken them selues.” A little later, William Shakespeare, in *A Comedy of Errors* Act IV, Scene 3 (ca. 1594), wrote: “There’s not a man I meet but doth salute me / As if I were their well-acquainted friend.” Another luminary of the English language, George Bernard Shaw, in *Plays Pleasant and Unpleasant* (1898) opined, “It’s enough to drive anyone out of their senses.”

Debates on the usage of the singular they arose in the 1970s in response to feminist critiques of the purported gender neutrality of he in context of making generalized statements that could encompass women as well. He or she, while initially a generally acceptable usage, over time became cumbersome and s/he, unpronounceable. The current attention on the usage of the singular they arose in response to the growing awareness that not all persons fit into binary gender categories. Some prefer the epicene they rather than the binary he or she.

The use of the singular they has become so widespread that the American Dialect Society of linguists chose it as 2015 Word of the Year, beating out “on fleek,” among other contenders. The venerable *Washington Post* adopted the singular they in 2015 as “the only sensible solution to English’s lack of a gender-neutral third-person singular personal pronoun,” according to late copy editor Bill Walsh.

As of today, the Associated Press has

also adopted the singular usage of they. The 2017 edition of the *AP Stylebook* – the basis of the *Union’s* style guide – which appears today, May 31, states that “They/ them/their is acceptable in limited cases as a singular and-or gender-neutral pronoun,” while eschewing the use of “other gender-neutral pronouns such as xe or ze.” In specific cases in which people ask not to be referred to as he/she/him/her, AP recommends “Use the person’s name in place of a pronoun, or otherwise reword the sentence, whenever possible. If they/them/their use is essential, explain in the text that the person prefers a gender-neutral pronoun. Be sure that the phrasing does not imply more than one person.”

This, of course, leads to the question of whether to use a singular or plural verb with the singular they: “They is” sounds wrong to many ears, whereas the more common “they are” implies a plural. And yet, as “Grammar

Girl” Maignon Fogarty points out, the English language already has a precedent in the use of you – “The pronoun you is both singular and plural, but we always pair it with a plural verb.” English speakers are already habituated to determining from context whether an utterance is directed at a single individual or at all within earshot.

In the end, the determination to use the singular they is about sensitivity and respect. Culture and language are inextricably linked, but does language shape culture, or vice-versa? As anglophones grow in awareness of gender fluidity, and perhaps even question the usage of gender markers at all, the English language shifts as do the sensibilities of its speakers.

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❖ GUEST
OPINION
Lauraine Leblanc









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NO GOOD DEED GOES UNBLEMISHED Artist Tori McConnell spent an entire Saturday back in October 2015 creating the beautiful eco-mural on the Seventh Street storm drain at left. A few weeks ago, someone vandalized it, the walkway to the Arcata Community Park and some other things, above. Last Friday, city maintenance worker Reg Romano did what he could to restore the artwork. Graffiti can be reported to the Arcata Police Department Tip Hot Line at (707) 825-2587. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

OBITUARY

Mary Shirley Pifferini

Mary Shirley Pifferini was born on March 10, 1926 to Ernest and Gherna Cosgrave in Angels Camp, Calif. and moved to Humboldt County in 1935. She passed away peacefully in Eureka on July 1, 2016.

Shirley completed high school and continued her education at Humboldt State College, receiving her master's degree in education. She then became a teacher at Marshall School, where she taught for 43 years.

In 1947, Shirley married her husband, John, and they were ranchers in the Arcata Bottom until John died. Shirley then moved to Eureka.

She is survived by her three sons, Charles, Mark (Linda) and Robert (Lisa); her grandchildren Sierra Pifferini, Travis Mello, Jason Pifferini, Dillon Pifferini; great-grandchildren Kylie, Easton, Paxton, Zaida and Cleo Pifferini; and her brother Russell Cosgrave of Modesto.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her parents Ernest and Gherna, sister Eleanor and brother Eugene Cosgrave.

Donations in memory of Shirley may be made to the American Cancer Society.

FIRE TRAINING IN DOW'S PRAIRIE Six Rivers national Forest fire management staff will conduct a live-fire training **today, May 31** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Six Rivers Humboldt Nursery at 4886 Cottage Grove Ave. in the Dow's Prairie area of northern McKinleyville. About 25 to 30 trainees will learn the proper techniques to attack a vehicle fire while using self-contained breathing apparatus.

MCKINLEYVILLE TOWN CENTER The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will discuss the McKinleyville Town Center at its meeting **today, May 31** starting at 6 p.m. at the Middle School Conference Center at the rear of McKinleyville Middle School at Central Avenue and Railroad Drive. A staff member of the Humboldt County Planning Department is scheduled to give a presentation on the town center, which was called for in the McKinleyville Community Plan approved in 2002. The county was supposed to create an ordinance outlining the requirements for developing property in the center of town, but that ordinance was never created. Also at tonight's meeting, committee member Craig Tucker will request that an item be placed on a future agenda. The committee will also discuss the Brown Act with regard to committee members sending each other emails.

ARCATA EC DEV Arcata's Economic Development Committee meets **Thursday, June 1** at 5 p.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include a presentation by Jayme Delson on the economic benefits of a "Sustainable Village" concept; a video presentation on adult cannabis land use policies titled, "How Cities can Create a Built Environment Where Local Businesses Thrive," followed by consideration of policy recommendations on retail adult cannabis sales and services; review and comment on EDC's Annual Report presentation to City Council; future agenda items including a review of potential recommendations or action plan for EDC to consider regarding houseless/homeless issues affecting Arcata's economy; definition of the type of markets the city wants in the next 15 to 20 years, with strategies to promote Arcata's under-utilized industrial lands to the targeted markets; procurement policies for local businesses; nightlife for underage; then updates from the alternative transportation subcommittee; West End Specific Plan Planning & Technical Assistance Grant update; a mobile home affordability program update; a Zero Waste Action Plan update; an Arcata wastewater treatment plant upgrade update; and discussion of the California Community Development Block Grant and City of Arcata Business Loan Program.

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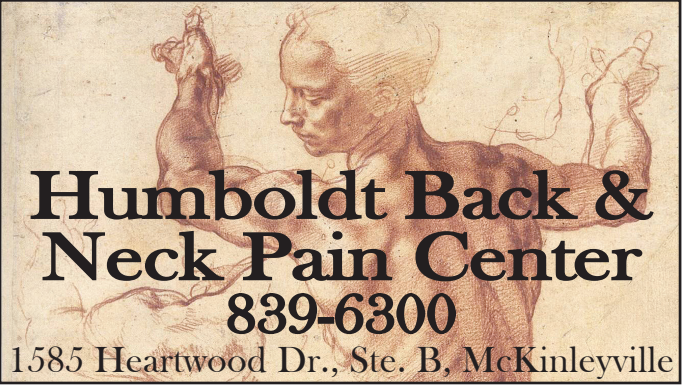


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CUPCAKES & COMMUNITY AT THE CREAMERY

TEA AND HISTORY AT THE CREAMERY The Historical Sites Society of Arcata (HSSA) and the Arcata Historical Landmarks Committee welcomed the public to the Arcata Playhouse on Sunday, May 21 for a celebration of the century mark of the Golden State Creamery. Historian Fran Beatty, above with HSSA's Alex Stillman and Bob Felter, offered a review of the 100-year history of what is now the Old Creamery building. The event celebrated of National Historic Preservation Month and This Place Matters, a national campaign that encourages people to celebrate historic places meaningful to them and to their communities. Top middle, Arcata Playhouse Executive Director Jackie Dandeneau views Felter through a wooden-framed window of the type historically used in Arcata. Top right, Stillman presides over a cornucopia of Mia Bella cupcakes. The Creamery building, right, was designed by prominent Eureka architect Franklin Georgeson and constructed in 1918 to house Central California Creameries. The creamery business produced cheese and dried milk from 1919 through the late 1950s, and hosted the Arcata Roller Rink for 14 years. This is also the 10-year anniversary of the Arcata Playhouse, a cultural landmark for Arcata and the capitol building of the Creamery District. The current Playhouse space has housed a martial arts studio, a Zen Center school and the Pacific Art Center theater. More at arcataplayhouse.org. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION; RIGHT PHOTO BY A.W."Gus" ERICSON | HSSA



Lonely hearts

Hello, hello, I like your smile. Hello, hello, shall we talk awhile? Would you like some of my tangerine? I know I'll never treat you mean.

— from "Hello, Hello" by Sopwith Camel

Fifty years ago, when the short-lived one-hit-wonders called Sopwith Camel had their hit on the radio, I would hang around downtown Walnut Creek with tangerines in the pockets of the peacoat I'd bought at the Army-Navy Surplus store trying to use the cute fruit as part of an opening line to meet girls.

That's when I met Stephanie, a girl from Danville who attended the Athenian School, a private high school in the next town over. We talked awhile, as teenagers do, and I tried my best to impress her discussing books and music. She taught me how to use my tongue when kissing and, once, we had to untangle our braces when we were momentarily lost somewhere in teen passion.

When she asked if I could get her some pot, I did. She got caught smoking a joint with another guy and turned me in to the police when they told her she would go to the juvenile hall if she didn't tell them where she got it. I ended up taking a memorable ride in Martinez, where Contra Costa's juvie was located. Of course, I would never rat out my sister's boyfriend who was my connection. I did my time, if only one sleepless night.

I don't remember if that was before or after I tried impressing her by shoplifting a copy of



THE BEATLES will be much imitated and lauded in the coming days. 'SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND' ALBUM ARTWORK

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band from the Woolworths Five and Dime Store. She was not impressed by my bravado, but she liked the album. She agreed it was a masterpiece. Before long, her life story borrowed a page from the Beatles songbook and she ran away from home, "quietly turning the backdoor key, stepping outside" and she was "free."

I like to think she was free from her parents and freed from a life she didn't really want, and she wasn't leaving me. I never saw her again. I heard she was living in the Haight Asbury, where freedom was "just another word for nothin' left to lose."

I'll be thinking of Stephanie Thursday, June 1, when **The Yokels** "do *Pepper*" at the Sanctuary, recreating that "record that changed the musical universe" in its entirety, not by replicating the songs (and with no full orchestra), but by giving them the Yokel treatment. They call it "soul strutting rockabilly," which means **Steve Irwin** laying down tasty guitar licks on top of a solid rhythm laid out by **Glen Nagy** on bass and **Bill Kerker** on drums. Steve tells me June 1 was the official release day in 1967.

They'll have a little help from their friends to warm the SRO crowd up: combos fronted by **Rick Levin**, **Jim Lahman**, **Joel Sonenshein** and **Zach Zwerdling**, all of them

THE HUM ❖ B2

❖ TRINIDAD ART NIGHTS

See some art by the seaside

TRINIDAD ART NIGHTS

TRINIDAD — Summer is coming to the Seaside Village, so celebrate by seeing some sensational art by the sea this Friday, June 2 at the following venues:

Beachcomber Cafe 363 Trinity St. — Acrylic paintings by Tess Krause.

The Lighthouse Grill 355 Main St. — Oil paintings by Bea Stanley.

Moonstone Crossing 529 Trinity St. — Photographs by Mark Chapman; music by The Mad River Rounders.

Saunders Plaza parking lot near Murphy's Market on Main Street — World dance music by Asha Nan, sponsored by Saunders Plaza merchants.

Seascape Restaurant and Pier 1 Bay St. — "Seascapes and Great Escapes," oils on canvas by Jim Welsh.

Simmons Gallery 380 Janis Ct. — "Camel Rock According To..." paintings by Marvin Trump; music by The Pilot Rock Ramblers.

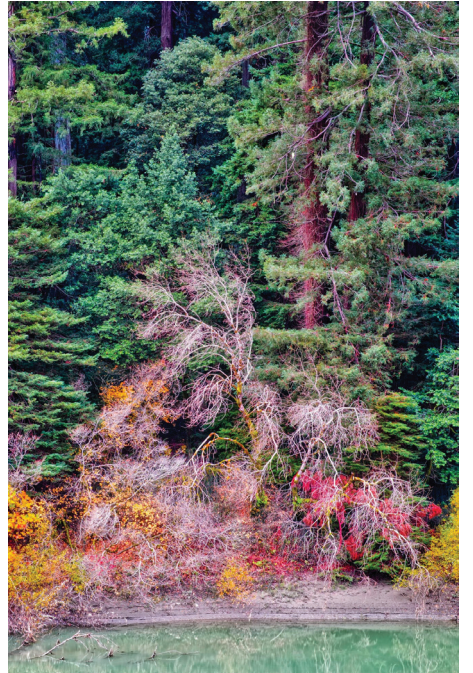
Strawberry Rock Gallery 343 Main St. — Watercolors by Lauren Lester.

Trinidad Art Gallery 490 Trinity St. — Woodwork by Kurt Hellmich and photographs by Ranjith Jim Box; music by Penny Gunn and Son.

Trinidad Eatery 607 Parker Rd. — Acrylic paintings by Joan Tilletson; music by For Folk Sake!

Trinidad Elementary School 300 Trinity St. — Kids Zone with boffer ring and skate ramps.

Trinidad Museum 400 Janis Ct. —



FOREST IN TECHNICOLOR Photographs by Ranjith Jim Box are featured at the Trinidad Art Gallery.

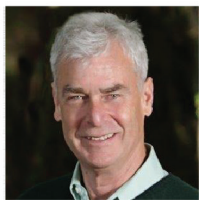
Local photography by Selvert Theodore Johnson (1873-1933).

Trinidad Trading Company 460 Main St. — Photographs by David Struthers; music by John Nelson.

WindanSea 410 Main St. — Hand-made jewelry by local artists.

Don't miss the Disco Trinidad after-party hosted by DJ Knutz at the Ocean Grove Lodge, 480 Patrick's Point Dr., starting at 9 p.m.

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The Hum | More reggae, for obvious reasons

❖ **FROM B1**

playing songs you know by the Beatles. Sounds great. The only trouble is, it's sold out. I tried and failed buying my Brown Paper Tickets with my iPhone and when I went online on my computer later, well, it was too late. I have a scratchy copy of the record, I guess I'll have to be satisfied giving it a spin for old times' sake. At least I know how many holes it takes to fill the Albert Hall.

By the way, if you miss out on the 50th anniversary, The Yokels are also playing at the Mad River Brewery Saturday evening, and it's possible they might throw in a song or two by the Fab Four. As those who were at last week's Birthday Bash at the M.R. Brewery will testify, they also do a killer version of Dylan's "Highway 61."

And, if you're a *Pepper* fan there's a Sgt. P.L.H.S. themed art show coming to Arcata Artisans. More on that next week.

Is it summer yet?

As noted last week, summer doesn't start 'til June 21. Nevertheless, Mateel kicks off the festival season early with the 41st annual **Summer Arts & Music Festival**, Saturday and Sunday (June 3 and 4) at Benbow Lake State Recreation Area (below Garberville).

You know the drill: more than 70 local and regional bands, dance troupes and children's entertainers on four stages, more than 150 craft, food and nonprofit booths, stuff for kids, EDM in the SummerTronica Tent, eco-grooviness in the Generation Green Dome.

Headliners include **Easy Star All Stars** – known for reggae/dub style covers on albums like *Dub Side of the Moon* (P-Floyd), *Radiodread* (OK Computer) and *Easy Star's Lonely Hearts Dub Band* (yes, more Beatles) – **Locos For Juana** (a bilingual Latin jamband from Miami), **The Brothers Comatose** (Americana from SF), **Jah9 & The Dub Treatment** (yes, more reggae), and locals such as **Joanne Rand**, **Ghost Train**, **Farmhouse Odyssey**, **Chubritza**, **The Sturgeons** and **Motherlode**.

Fair warning: the price is higher, \$40 in advance for a weekend pass, more at the gate or for single. Also they note, "event is rain or shine," but it probably won't rain, although, it's still springtime and you never know.

Reggae and more reggae

It's always reggae time in Humboldt (for obvious reasons). This week, the one drop

starts Thursday with **Passafire** at Humboldt Brews. Formed in 2003 by students attending Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, the band's latest release, *Longshot*, is their third with Easy Star Records (see above). "Making it as a musician is a long-shot," says the band. Label founder Lem Oppenheimer notes they "bring a harder rock edge while still grounding their music in a progressive reggae base." Maybe that's the formula. Who knows? They're on the road at the start of a smokin' "Longshot" tour, along with **Perfect by Tomorrow**, a reggae/rock outfit from the Washington coast.

Next up in reggae world, a big show Friday in the Sapphire Palace (in Blue Lake Casino) with **Alborosie and The Shengen Clan Band**. Born in Sicily, Alberto D'Ascola joined a band called Reggae National Tickets when he was still a teenager and started growing his dreads. Before long, he went solo, moved to Kingston, and changed his name to Alborosie, taking a patois insult, "borosie," meaning a rude person, and adding "Al" (short for Albert). The Ital reggae star made his way playing every instrument and producing his own tracks. Lately he's backed by his house band from his Shengen Studios. Expect to hear "His Majesty Riddim" in praise of H.I.M. (I'll explain "riddims" some other day.)

Also international

There was something about the **International Katarzyna Mycka Marimba Academy** in the *Union* last week, but mostly just a schedule for the concert in conjunction with the local company Marimba One, makers of the instruments. People are coming here from all over the world to hear the music and/or take classes. **Katarzyna**, who was born in Poland and now lives in Germany, has been holding her academy since 2003, always in Europe until now. With the exception of one marimbist who is from Colombia, all of the teachers/performers are European. I'm curious as to why this is so, since the sound seems tropical to me. A cursory look at the history of the marimba shows that it originally came from Zimbabwe, spread through Africa and jumped the Pacific to catch on in Central America with the use in modern classical music fairly recent. (I'll have to ask Marimba One founder Ron Samuels.)

This week's concerts are in two venues with the festival opener on Saturday, June

3 at the Arcata Playhouse with Katarzyna, **Andreas Boettger** (from Germany), **Jean Geoffroy** (France), **Conrado Moya** (Spain), **Filip Mercep** (Croatia) and **Juan David Forero** (Colombia) performing music by Bach, Mussorgsky, Leibowitz and Wirtz.

Sunday, the series moves to HSU's Van Duzer Theater with solo and chamber works by faculty and workshop participants. More of the same Monday through Thursday at the Duzer (with an emphasis on electronics Monday). Friday, there's a free school kids concert at the JVD featuring Katarzyna and academy participants playing Saint-Saens' *Carnival of Animals*. The grand finale is next Saturday, June 10 at the Arcata Playhouse with participants showing off a wide range of styles as they strut their stuff.

His name is **Hiroya Tsukamoto**, but he goes by simply Hiroya (not to be confused with the kickboxer or the anime artist by the same name). He's a guitarist/composer/singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan, playing Saturday evening at the Crib. Hiroya started out on five-string banjo when he was thirteen, switched to guitar shortly after, then in 2000, got a scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston and did not go home. The Cribmaster describes his playing as "cinematic guitar poetry" and after hearing some YouTubage, I concur. As usual, come at 7 p.m. for soup, bread, those little green balls I call jum-jills with fine wines. Music at 8. More info at relevantmusic.org/CribConcerts.

Chez Vets

Usually, when I hear about a metal/hard-core show at the Vets Hall, I assume it's in the basement of the Eureka Veteran's Hall, which conveniently has a bar across the hall. For years it's been the home of Bummerfest and the local metal crowd puts on loud parties there too. This week, it's the Arcata Vets Hall that gets the hardcore treatment. They have a couple of bands from Apple Valley (down in Berdoo County): **POSTNOTHING** leaning toward the punk side of hardcore, and **In*Decline** more in the metal zone. A local stoner rock band, **Ultramafic**, will hopefully bring in their fans and get people out on a Monday night. "All ages welcome. Beer with ID. Music at 7 p.m. No cover, but bring money for touring bands," and buy some merch. "Having been some days in preparation, a splendid time is guaranteed for all." Support music you like, one way or another.

❖ **OPEN STUDIOS**

Visit an artist this weekend

NORTH COAST OPEN STUDIOS

HUMBOLDT – The 19th annual North Coast Open Studios starts this weekend, June 3 and 4 and continues the following, June 10 and 11, with a new open Friday Art Night prior to the first weekend, June 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Open artists studios stretch from Rio Dell to Trinidad, and east to Blue Lake, and are open with newly extended hours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday of both weekends. This year, more than 150 artists and artisans around Humboldt County are opening up their creative spaces, sharing their passion and giving demos to art fans of all ages.

For 2017, North Coast Open Studios features creators that include letterpress and screenprinters to wire sculptors and jewelers. Organizers have also worked hard to build up participation in some of the outlying areas, like Ferndale, which proudly features 10 participating artists, this year.

A special listing of Friday Art Night participants, with maps, can be found in the *2017 North Coast Open Studios* guidebook, located at supportive businesses around the county, including Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata and Pierson Building Center in Eureka, as well as on the NCOS website, northcoastopenstudios.com.

North Coast Open Studios is a free community event that happens during the first two weekends of June, each year.

North Coast Open Studios is a DreamMaker Program of the Ink People Center for the Arts and would not be possible without the financial and community support of its participating artists, Pierson Building Center, Wildberries Marketplace, and many more local businesses and organizations.

VIDEO GAMES AT THE LIBRARY The McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Rd., hosts a video game program **today, May 31** from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. All are invited to play games like Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Minicraft, Guitar Hero, Wii Sports, and more family friendly games that are easy to learn and fun to play together. If you've never played before, friendly volunteers will be on hand to help. There will also be snacks and some board games available.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone* (1983) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 31** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. An intergalactic bounty hunter and his teenaged female sidekick save a trio of women from the villainous mutant who holds them captive. Admission is free with \$5 minimum

purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

ARMACK CONCERT The Arcata and McKinleyville high schools' ArMack Orchestra, Arcata High Madrigal and Concert Choirs and the ArMack Jazz Band present an evening of musical performance at their annual Spring Concert **Thursday, June 1** at 7 p.m. The Arcata High Scool Fine Arts Building is the venue for this always-enjoyable musical experience that will see the choral program perform contemporary pieces, including those that highlight different sections of the choirs, as well as several soloists. The Jazz Band's selections promise to cover a variety of genres, including "an exciting contemporary piece that younger members of the audience will love," said Maestra Cassandra Moulton. From baroque to today, the 70-member-strong ArMack Orchestra will delight with such pieces as "Selections from *The Chronicles of Narnia*." Music Director Moulton leads each ensemble. The doors

to the AHS Fine Arts Building open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available in advance from ensemble members or at the door. Refreshments and goodies will be available by donation. (707) 825-2400

NYC BOUND! Humboldt Light Opera Company's KidCo Educational Series invites the public to a concert, NYC Bound! **Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3** at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 24 Fellowship Way in Bayside. This concert is a fundraiser for nine KidCo teenagers to travel to New York City this July to attend a musical theatre workshop. At the concert, they will sing classic musical theatre songs from composers such as Rogers, Bernstein, Gilbert and Sullivan, Porter, Berlin, Leosser and Weber. Suggested donation for the concert is \$12. RSVP to info@hloc.org. hloc.org

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live mu-

sic World Dance Party **Friday, June 2** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata's Creamery District. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music with Randy & Larry as well as the Chubritza International Band. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldt-folkdancers.org

THE CHURCH AND GAYS The church's stance regarding same-sex attraction will be explored at Lifetree Café **Sunday, June 4** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "The Church and Gays: One Pastor's Dilemma," features a filmed interview with Danny Cortez, a pastor whose changing views regarding same-sex attraction led to his being removed from his denomination. Admission to the 60-minute event is free; coffee and snacks are served. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of 13th and Union streets in Arcata. (707) 672-2919, robertdipert@gmail.com

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MAY 31	THURSDAY, JUNE 1	FRIDAY, JUNE 2	SATURDAY, JUNE 3	SUNDAY, JUNE 4	MONDAY, JUNE 5	TUESDAY, JUNE 6
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. Sci Fi Night	Time TBA NBA	7:30 p.m. • Tucker & Dale vs. Evil		Time TBA NBA		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. • Blue Rhythm Revue	9 p.m. Backstreet	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	7 p.m. NORML Meeting	6 p.m. • NBA Finals 9 p.m. Passafire	8 p.m. • What a Long Strange Trip		5 p.m. NBA Finals	8 p.m. • Jimi Hendrix Experience Live	7 p.m. Game Night
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp				9:30 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. 12BC Productions	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	The Logger Bar 501 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake					6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. • RLA Trio w/ Paula & Don	6 p.m. Fingal	6 p.m. Ultra Secret	6 p.m. The Yokels			6 p.m. Holly and the IVs
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. RLA Band		8 p.m. • Blase & The Stellar Jays		7 p.m. Ladder Ball	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville				2 p.m. DJ J Dub	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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WHEEL-IN WEDNESDAY Join the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition **today, May 31** for the final Bike Month group commuter ride from Arcata to Eureka. The group departs at 7 a.m. from the Arcata North Coast Co-op.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE REFUGE Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge invites you to Friday Night at the Refuge **June 2**. The first Friday of every month now through October the refuge will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy a walk along the trail during the evening hours and a free, natural resource related presentation at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center. This month, join USFWS Coastal Program Geomorphologist Conor Shea and Refuge Manager Eric Nelson for "Living Coastline Project: Tidal salt marsh restoration in south Humboldt Bay." Meet at Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters & Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Rd. in Loleta. (707) 733-5406, fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay

NATIONAL LEARN TO ROW DAY Join Humboldt Bay Rowing Association for National Learn to Row Day **Saturday, June 3**. Humboldt Baykeeper is teaming up with Humboldt Bay Rowing Association to promote the "Row for Clean Water" initiative to share appreciation of Humboldt Bay and to protect clean water, which is essential to rowers everywhere. Adults and teens aged 11 and up are invited to this free event that will

introduce them to rowing on the bay. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Visit hbira.org to register online.

BIRD HORSE MOUNTAIN Accompany Redwood Region Audubon Society **Saturday, June 3** on a birding trip to Horse Mountain. Participants will search for the special bird species of high-elevation Humboldt County while travelling from Horse Mountain to Grouse Mountain on Forest Service Route 1. Meet at 7 a.m. near Jitter Bean Coffee Company, 4950 Valley West Blvd., Arcata. Bring a lunch; trip will end around early afternoon. Contact leader Rob Fowler at (707) 616-9841 or migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com.

BIRD THE MARSH Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, June 3**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jim Clark in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

TRACKING WORKSHOP Join professional wildlife tracker and biologist Phil Johnston **Saturday, June 3** beginning at 9:15 a.m. for an all-day tracking workshop to practice your skills at identifying signs of local wildlife. Limited to 20 people. Fee is \$25/\$15 for seniors and HSU students; members

get a discount. Meet at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1242 G. St., Arcata. (707) 826-4479, humboldt.edu/natmus

FAMILY FRIENDLY DUNE EXPLORATION Celebrate National Trails Day with Friends of the Dunes and the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge with a Family Friendly Dune Exploration **Saturday, June 3** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this family-friendly walk exploring the diverse (and fun!) landscape of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, participants will learn about the amazing plants and animals that have adapted to live in this special place. Bring water and snacks and be prepared for walking up and down in loose sand. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool to this protected site. (707) 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org

TRAILS SUMMIT Join trail supporters and local agencies for the second annual Trails Summit: Humboldt Bay Trail – Connecting the Pieces **Saturday, June 3** from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way in Eureka. Connect with trail-supporting community organizations and meet fellow trail lovers during an open house at 10 a.m., then a program at 10:30 a.m. will celebrate trail progress in Eureka and Arcata, discuss the next steps ahead for the "final four" trail miles, introduce the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund, and unveil the new Humboldt Bay

Trail logo. Finally at 11:30 a.m. there will be an optional walking tour to see construction underway on the Eureka Waterfront Trail Phase B. This event is free and for all ages. facebook.com/humboldttrailscouncil

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Last year's Fan Fest was a big success. Crabs fans of all ages liked the casual hot-dog-at-the-park format that replaced the more formal dinners of years past.

Little kids got to play with the speed gun used to time pitches, watched batting practice, collected autographs from players, ate hot dogs and just generally had a fun afternoon.

Beats a sit-down dinner anytime.

But kids were the target audience last year and Crabs games are for all ages.

This year, the adults get to have fun too.

Fan Fest this Thursday, June 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. will still have the kid-friendly activities including free Humboldt Creamery ice cream but will also feature a beer, wine, and food tasting event in the adults-only right field area. \$5 gets you into the park and a coupon for a hot dog, chips and

FAN FEST ❖ C2

FAN FEST 2016 Crabs players will sign autographs again this year at Thursday night's Fan Fest.

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Special Events

❖ **FAN FEST: Thursday, June 1 at 5 p.m.**

Hang out at the ballpark and meet the new Crabs players, watch them take batting practice and check out the new Crabs gear. Get some autographs for the kids and just relax at the ball park. There will be a Humboldt Creamery ice cream tent in left field. Boys & Girls of the Redwoods will be there tabling and fundraising. New this year: Humboldt-Local Beer, Wine and Food Tasting in right field with special 21+ bracelet. Admission is \$5, and includes a coupon for hot dog, chips and drink. A fundraiser for Crabs Camps – Send some kids to camp!

❖ **OPENING NIGHT: Friday, June 2**

❖ **SPONSORED BY HUMBREWS: Saturday, June 3**

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❖ **CANCER AWARENESS DAY- WEAR PINK: Sunday, June 4**

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❖ **NOT A DOUBLE HEADER: Wednesday, June 7**

Not a double header despite what the pocket schedules read.

The Humboldt Crabs 2017 Schedule

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DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	BAND	SPECIAL EVENTS
Friday	June 2	7 p.m.	Rockville Rock Hounds	♪	
Saturday	June 3	7 p.m.	Rockville Rock Hounds		Sponsored by Humbrews: beer coozies!
Sunday	June 4	12:30 p.m.	Rockville Rock Hounds	♪	Wear pink for Cancer Awareness Day
Wednesday	June 7	7 p.m.	B52s		
Friday	June 9	7 p.m.	California Expos	♪	
Saturday	June 10	7 p.m.	California Expos		Rising Stars Foundation roll call
Sunday	June 11	12:30 p.m.	California Expos	♪	
Tuesday	June 13	7 p.m.	San Luis Obispo Blues		
Wednesday	June 14	7 p.m.	San Luis Obispo Blues	♪	
Thursday	June 15	7 p.m.	San Luis Obispo Blues		
Friday	June 16	7 p.m.	Seattle Studs	♪	
Saturday	June 17	7 p.m.	Seattle Studs		Advanced Security Giveaway Day
Sunday	June 18	12:30 p.m.	Seattle Studs	♪	Father's Day (limited seating)
Tuesday	June 20	7 p.m.	California Storm		
Wednesday	June 21	7 p.m.	California Storm	♪	Sponsored by Harper Ford, Hat Givaway Night
Friday	June 23	7:15 p.m.	@ Redding Colt 45s		AWAY GAME
Saturday	June 24	2:30 p.m.	@ Redding Colt 45s		AWAY GAME
Sunday	June 25	12:30 p.m.	@ Redding Colt 45s		AWAY GAME
Tuesday	June 27	7 p.m.	Healdsburg Prune Packers	♪	
Wednesday	June 28	7 p.m.	Healdsburg Prune Packers		
Friday	June 30	7 p.m.	Sacramento M's Baseball	♪	
Saturday	July 1	7 p.m.	Sacramento M's Baseball		Humboldt Heroes Night
Sunday	July 2	12:30 p.m.	Sacramento M's Baseball	♪	
Tuesday	July 4	2:30 p.m.	Solano Mudcats	♪	Wear red, white & blue (limited seating)
Wednesday	July 5	7 p.m.	Solano Mudcats		Veterans Appreciation & Camo Night
Friday	July 7	7 p.m.	San Diego Waves	♪	
Saturday	July 8	7 p.m.	San Diego Waves		1980s Night
Sunday	July 9	12:30 p.m.	San Diego Waves	♪	Hawaiian Day
Tuesday	July 11	7 p.m.	Seals Baseball		
Wednesday	July 12	7 p.m.	Seals Baseball	♪	
Friday	July 14	7 p.m.	Walnut Creek Crawdads		Fireworks Night (limited seating)
Saturday	July 15	7 p.m.	Walnut Creek Crawdads	♪	Crabs Alumni & Players' Parent Weekend
Sunday	July 16	12:30 p.m.	Walnut Creek Crawdads	♪	Superhero Day
Tuesday	July 18	7 p.m.	San Leandro Ports	♪	
Wednesday	July 19	7 p.m.	San Leandro Ports		
Friday	July 21	7 p.m.	Redding Cold 45s	♪	Cowboy Night
Saturday	July 22	7 p.m.	Redding Cold 45s		Mustache Night
Sunday	July 23	12:30 p.m.	Redding Cold 45s	♪	Redwood EdVentures Quest for the kids
Tuesday	July 25	7 p.m.	Fresno A's		
Wednesday	July 26	7 p.m.	Fresno A's	♪	
Friday	July 28	7 p.m.	PUF Capitalists	♪	Mardi Gras Night
Saturday	July 29	7 p.m.	PUF Capitalists		Pirate Night
Sunday	July 30	12:30 p.m.	PUF Capitalists	♪	Tie Dye Day
Tuesday	Aug. 1	7 p.m.	Seals Baseball	♪	
Wednesday	Aug. 2	7 p.m.	Seals Baseball		
Friday	Aug. 4	7 p.m.	Auburn Wildcats	♪	Sponsored by the Humboldt County Fair
Saturday	Aug. 5	7 p.m.	Auburn Wildcats	♪	Fireworks Night (limited seating)
Sunday	Aug. 6	7 p.m.	Auburn Wildcats	♪	Fan Appreciation Day

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Connect with your ancestors through genetic genealogy

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
EUREKA – Genealogist Michael Cooley presents “DNA as a Tool for Genealogy Research” at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m., in the first-floor conference room of the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

Cooley understands that every genealogist runs into brick walls, that point in the research when nothing significantly new about

an ancestor is found. “The lineage just comes to a screeching halt,” he writes. “Questions are left unanswered: Were my Johnsons related to the other Johnsons in the neighborhood? Was Mrs. Johnson really the sister of Mrs. Smith, as my cousin suggests? And how was it that Mrs. Smith was a cousin of Mr. Brown, as indicated in his obituary? There’s a lineage, but there’s no record that ties the pieces together.”

If this has happened to you, not to worry: Cooley offers hope. He reminds us that ancestry is archived in every cell



of the body: we just need to understand how to read it.

“The idea is simple enough,” said Cooley. “We get our DNA from our parents. Artifacts of our grandparents’ DNA can be found in each quarter of our genetic makeup. Despite state laws, a woman ‘can’ learn the identity of her birth mother, and it ‘is’ possible, even without a family Bible,

ANCESTRESS Michael Cooley’s grandmother Birdie McDowell, 1923.
PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL COOLEY

to discover whether Mrs. Johnson was related to Mr. Brown.” Cooley admits there generally is some money involved, but that it’s not as much as we might imagine.

Join Cooley for this brief introduction to genetic genealogy, which will help to explain the hows, whys, and wheres of this amazing research tool. For more information contact the Humboldt County Historical Society at (707) 445-4342 or visit humboldthistory.org.

Supes talk trash

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The benefits of recycling are being emphasized as the county considers garbage and recycling pick-up service agreements in the unincorporated areas surrounding the cities of Arcata, Eureka and Blue Lake and the community of Fieldbrook.

The consolidation of franchise agreements with Recology Humboldt and the addition of services in some of the areas was discussed at the May 23 Board of Supervisors meeting. The areas are contiguous to each other but are under separate agreements with different scales of service. Supervisors considered a proposal to consolidate the agreements and standardize services.

Customer rates will increase, but additional services such as green-waste and large-item collection, a senior discount, the addition of a smaller 20-gallon garbage bin option and weekly instead of bi-weekly recycling pick-up will be available in the unincorporated Arcata area.

Automated garbage collection would also be introduced in the Arcata area. With the service additions and consolidation, the monthly 30-gallon garbage bin residential pick-up rate in the greater Arcata area would increase by \$7.24 a month in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The county could also choose to phase in the increase over a two-year span.

If things stay the same, there would only be a cost of living adjustment increase of 46 cents.

Supervisor Rex Bohn suggested printing a flyer to let Recology customers know that “if you want to keep control over your refuse bill, you can recycle – most families can get by with a 20-gallon (bin) if they use everything that’s available to them.”

A trend of closure of recycling centers was noted by Humboldt Recology General Manager Linda Wise. Four recycling centers in the county have closed this year, she said, adding that “there’s more things to be recycled than people think of.”

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg said recycling is a “nice service” but questioned whether weekly pick-up is essential.

Humboldt Recology operations supervisor Brian Solom said many customers will benefit from more frequent recycling collection. “We’ve got people that we’re serving weekly that use two totes and go over and above – they’re just big recyclers,” he continued.

Sollom added that “the state is going to be handing down legislation with regard to green waste, food waste and composting” and green waste pick-up will become increasingly important.

Services won’t change in the unincorporated Eureka area, but the consolidation would allow growth in recycling and green waste programs.

Sundberg, whose district includes Fieldbrook, and Supervisor Mike Wilson said more time to consider the consolidation options is needed to tap residents’ opinions.

Supervisors voted to continue the item to the June 13 meeting.

Student scientists win at fair

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Rising Stars Foundation, with support from local individuals, businesses and organizations, sponsored 19 students from Humboldt County to the 66th annual California State Science Fair in Los Angeles April 24 and 25. At the state competition, 927 students from 400 schools competed, representing 814 projects.

The county champions qualified for the state competition after participating in the 34th annual Doris Niles Humboldt County Science Fair held in March at Humboldt State. The sci-

ence fair featured over 300 projects created by fourth through 12th grade students from over 30 of the county’s elementary, middle and high schools.

Students earning recognition at the State Fair include:

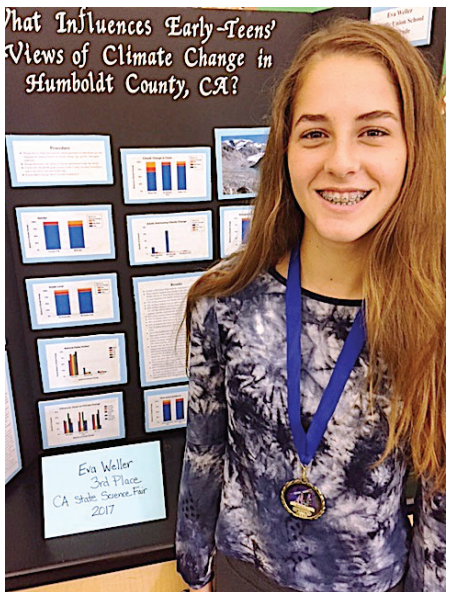
Third Place

- **Behavioral & Social Sciences:** Eva Weller eighth grader at Pacific Union School – “What influences early teens’ view of climate change in Humboldt County, California?”
- **Computational Systems & Analysis:** Zoe Osborn, seventh grader, Northcoast Preparatory Academy – “What organisms other than *Ideonella sakaiensis* have the ability to digest and degrade PET? A Bioinformatics Project”

Honorable Mentions

- **Microbiology:** Perrin Turney, 11th grader at Six Rivers Charter High School – “Effects of climate change (increase in temperature, salinity and pollutants) on freshwater microorganism mortality rates”
- **Toxicology:** Rachel Meyer and Jazzy White, eighth graders at Pacific Union School – “Marinas: Toxic or safe?”

The Rising Stars Foundation is a nonprofit program established to



MEDALLISTS Eva Weller, above, and Zoe Osborn, left, distinguished themselves at the California State Science Fair in April. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Residents weigh in on Arcata’s coming cannabiz

Andrew George Butler
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata officials are drafting rules on where recreational marijuana stores and legal grows can open in town and will present the proposed regulations to the Arcata City Council next week.

As part of this process of drafting an ordinance, the city held a non-medical cannabis stakeholders meeting Thursday evening, May 25.

The third of its kind this year, the meeting was open to residents of Arcata concerned or curious about how the city plans to permit the sale of recreational cannabis come the new year.

Director of Community Development David Loya and Deputy Planner Andrew Whitney were tasked by the city to develop a plan outlining how the city will introduce the legal sale of cannabis Jan. 1, 2018.

The plan will likely address where within Arcata cannabis can be sold and mass produced, as well as how best to utilize the Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone created two years ago as Arcata’s designated cannabis safe haven. The Arcata City Council will review the proposed plan, which is still being drafted, at its next meeting, Wednesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 736 F St.

Other aspects likely to be addressed in the plan include if the city will allow access to large corporate cannabis companies should they be interested in operating in Arcata, and to what extent the city will foster the growth of cannabis tourism.

The previous two meetings were held first for cannabis stakeholders then Arcata business owners, at which these

stakeholders discussed what they would like to see the city do to help support business growth and development.

In both meetings, according to Loya, the parties present overwhelmingly were in favor of opening up Arcata to more cannabis-related business.

Thursday’s meeting was intended to provide balance to the feedback Loya received from those economically tied to the sale of cannabis, with concerns from residents over the coming cannabis boom.

Although only about a dozen Arcata residents attended the meeting, their two-hour brainstorm session may prove to be the bulk of community input in a plan that could go a long way towards defining the future of Arcata.

One of the most recurring concerns expressed by those in attendance is the odor that 420-friendly businesses in Arcata may create. Although Arcata has a smoke-free policy governing many of its public areas, several people in attendance were quick to point out their frustrations with a perceived lack of enforcement of the smoking ban, and their worry that recreational cannabis may compound the problem.

Also, several people wanted to see Arcata take steps to ensure, at some level, quality control within the cannabis market.

Concerns aside, it was clear that the majority of those in attendance at Thursday’s meeting were in favor of opening up Arcata to the sale of recreational cannabis.

“The first two groups were overwhelmingly in support of opening up Arcata, so if all three groups are saying the same thing, that’s what we’ll take to the council,” Loya said.

Fan Fest | Fizzy beverages

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The tastings are sponsored by Mad River Brewing Company, Six Rivers Brewing Company, Eel River Brewing Company, Lost Coast Brewing Company, Redwood Curtain, Slice of Humboldt Pie, Humboldt Hot Sauce, Cypress Grove Cheese and Flor D’Luna Winery. A 21 and over bracelet for the tasting costs \$20. Proceeds benefit the Crabs Camp, so your indulgences will help kids improve their baseball skills. There will be an opportunity to vote on the beer of your choice.

And, speaking of fizzy beverages, beer fans can rejoice! The good news for adult Crabs supporters is that beer prices at the ballpark have *not* gone up. That’s right, the cold brew so enjoyable with sunshine and baseball will cost exactly the same as last year. And it will be poured with style by volunteer Beer Goddess Julie Stagnoli and her crew, including Andrea Armas, Ellen Barthman, Holly Berry, Krista Freeman and James Nowell.

The first game of the season is Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m. The Crabs start a three game series against the Rockville Rock Hounds and the world-famous Crab Grass Band will play. The fun continues on Saturday at 7 p.m. (minus the band) and again on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. when the band is back in action.

Sunday is Cancer Awareness Day, so wear pink. Kids get to run the bases after every Sunday game, so make that dark pink in case they want to slide into home.

Tickets are for sale at the Arcata Ballpark, Ray’s Food Place in McKinleyville, Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, Sport & Cycle in Fortuna and at two locations in Eureka, Mr. Fish and Sport & Cycle.

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County explores costs & benefits of marijuana

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The financial implications of marijuana taxation are being highlighted as Humboldt County clarifies and amends its marijuana tax ordinance.

Minor clarifications and language changes to the county’s voter-approved marijuana excise tax ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors at its May 23 meeting.

The most notable effect of the changes is that they clarify who is responsible for tax payments. Tax bills will be sent to the owners of the properties where marijuana is being produced.

The changes also include clarification that the tax payments are due upon billing. Like property taxes, the excise taxes will be billed in March and October and due by April and November.

But Supervisor Ryan Sundberg asked about whether the billing cycle can be changed to give start-up growers more flexibility. He noted that if a

new cultivator gets a permit in February, the excise tax bill will be sent in March.

The excise taxes are based on square footage of grow area, amounting to up to \$3 a square foot for indoor grows.

“Is there flexibility to be billed at the end of the year, after you’ve made money?” Sundberg asked. “If you don’t have any income yet, that’s a pretty hefty bill.”

Supervisor Estelle Fennell distinguished between excise taxes and income taxes. “We’re taxing on the land use, not on the product itself – the state will be taxing the product itself, so that will be another tax,” she said.

Fennell added that permit applicants “want to be involved in a highly lucrative commercial endeavor and that’s part of the cost of doing business.” She said larger grow operators will reap larger profits.

“I don’t know why we’re talking about giving big business a break,” Fennell continued.

Supervisor Rex Bohn agreed.

“You’re going to have to pay to play,” he said.

But during a public comment session, Natalynne DeLapp of the Humboldt Growers Alliance seconded Sundberg’s concerns and said that “it’s expensive for farmers to come into compliance and I think that there’s often a misperception that they do just have piles of money ready to go.” She said local cultivators are nevertheless willing to accept the costs of legalizing the industry because they come with a variety of social benefits.

The county is processing over 2,300 marijuana permit applications related to an initial commercial marijuana production ordinance. In a message to growers who are producing but are yet to be permitted and taxed, Supervisor Mike Wilson suggested that they make donations for government and school services.

Supervisors unanimously approved the changes to the ordinance. The amended ordinance will get final approval at this week’s meeting.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR Molly Alles teaches art and science at Pacific Union School. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alles is Teacher of the Year

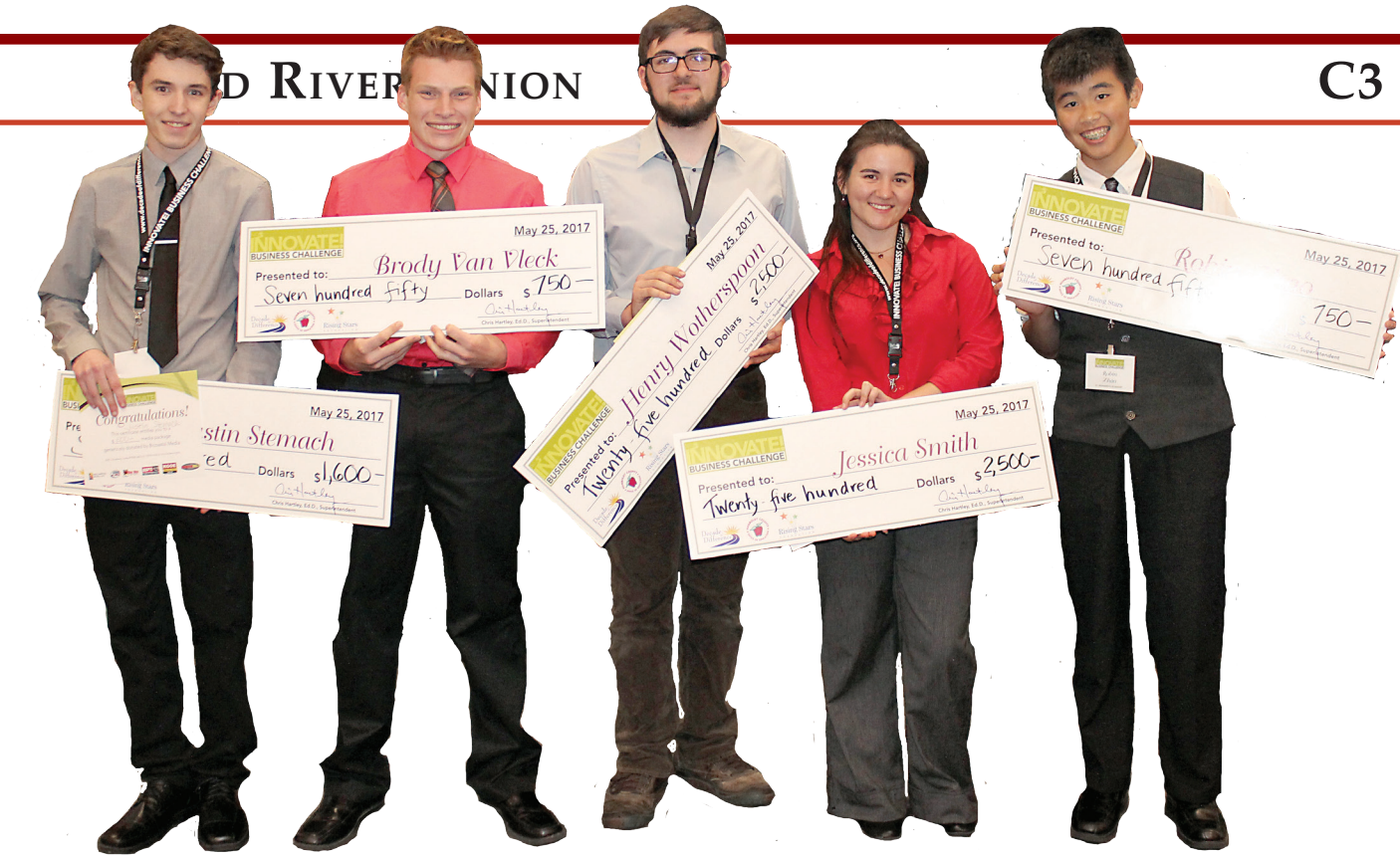
HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HUMBOLDT – Molly Alles (née Wasko), a fourth grade teacher at Pacific Union School, has been named Humboldt County Teacher of the Year. Alles will be officially honored by the Humboldt County Board of Education during its September meeting at the Humboldt County Office of Education in Eureka.
“Congratulations to Molly Alles for her selection as Humboldt County Teacher of the Year!” said Dr. Chris Hartley, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools. “Ms. Alles exemplifies a caring and innovative teacher that maintains high expectations for students, while providing relevant and engaging learning experiences for all her students.”
In her thoughts about teaching, Alles said, “My number one goal is to engage my learners by gaining their interest and thinking about it from the student’s perspective ... What are the ways I can get their brains firing and ready for this information? ... It’s not about teaching at them, it’s about teaching with them.”
Alles has been teaching art and science at Pacific Union Elementary School for eight years, primarily in fourth grade. In addition, she facilitates the Science Club, coaches cross-country and directs the school play every year. Prior to coming to Pacific Union, she taught four years in various schools at several grade levels.
An outdoor enthusiast, Alles has been an instructor for the Redwood Environmental Education Fair since 2006. You can also find Alles helping her colleagues each summer as a Teacher Consultant/Facilitator for the Redwood Writing Project Summer Institute since 2010.
Alles grew up in Weaverville, but considers herself a local, spending many summers and school holidays with family here in Humboldt. She graduated from Humboldt State with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education/Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Biological Sciences.
As Humboldt County Teacher of the Year, Alles will represent the county as its nominee for 2017-18 California Teacher of the Year. The California Department of Education is expected to announce its selections for State Teacher of the Year in November.

JOB TRAINING The Job Market and College of the Redwoods are accepting applications for both Community and Social Services and Intermediate Bookkeeping trainings. These multiweek courses provide concrete, hands-on experience for the skills necessary to enter these regional, in-demand jobs. Community and Social Services runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 20 through Aug. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Intermediate Bookkeeping runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 11 through Aug. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Scholarships and wage subsidy hiring incentives are available. Applicants are encouraged to apply soon. (707) 441-5627, (800) 242-1353, (707) 476-4500, redwoods.edu/communityed/currentclasses

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INNOVATE! WINNERS Students Justin Stemach, Brody Van Vleck and Henry Wotherspoon, all of Eureka High School; Jessica Smith of Arcata High School and Robin Zhao of St. Bernard’s Academy were recognized for their buisness acumen. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Student business innovators rewarded

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HUMBOLDT – Five Humboldt County High School students competed in the INNOVATE! Business Challenge Finale with over \$8,000 in prize money and \$1,750 in media services awarded to support the development of their businesses. The INNOVATE! Finale was held Thursday, May 25 at the Humboldt County Office of Education’s Sequoia Conference Center in Eureka.
The INNOVATE! Business Challenge is a competition designed to promote entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation. In Phase One, high school students from across the county were challenged to create business start-up ideas and submit 60 to 90 second video-based elevator pitches. Judges reviewed and scored all the videos to select 40 top ideas, which moved into Phase Two.
The 40 semifinalists were challenged to develop viable business models, identify their target markets and calculate how to make their ideas profitable by answering 13 key business plan questions. Judges were tasked with the difficult job of selecting only five final concepts to present in a “Shark Tank-like” experience as they competed for cash awards.
An important aspect of the competition is preparing the students for the real world of business. This year, local experts volunteered at workshops and mentored the students in the process of their future start-ups. Mentors provided advice on product development, branding, target customers, preparing balance sheets, determining margins and pricing strategies. Their advice was evident in the students’ answer sets and the greater understanding of their business models.
It was an impressive evening of high-caliber presentations highlighting innovative and viable business concepts. The evening began with a meet-and-greet for the finalists to introduce and network their ideas with the guests. Each finalist had a 15-minute window to pitch their idea and answer questions from a panel of five judges. The judges were faced with the difficult task of deciding which finalists had the most dynamic concepts and how best to support their start-up needs.
In the end, Jessica Smith, a senior at Arcata High School, and Henry Wotherspoon, a senior at Eureka High School, earned top honors, each winning \$2,500 in cash. Smith’s Acorn Goddess Poison Oak Tonic also earned her a \$750 media package from BiCoastal Media. Wotherspoon’s FlyBy Carbon Compass Frame earned him an additional \$500 media package from Eureka Broadcasting.
The remaining three concepts were runners-up and received the following:

- Justin Stemach, senior at Eureka High School – 3-D Cycle: \$1,600 cash and \$500 media package from Bicoastal Media;
 - Robin Zhao, sophomore at St. Bernard’s Academy – Jeju’s Korean BBQ: \$750 cash;
 - Brody Van Vleck, junior at Eureka High School – Brody’s Goat Organics: \$750 cash.
- Judges included Greg Bowen, Business Solutions manager at Umpqua Bank; Victoria Bennington, market manager for Bicoastal Media; Mary Keene, founder of Cypress Grove Chevre; Steve O’Meara, owner of Kokatat; and Tom Tellez, owner of Wallace & Hinz.
- Sponsors have continued to generously support this high school program. The cash awards were funded by the Rising Stars Foundation, humboldtrisingstars.org. Umpqua Bank generously donated \$5,000 to underwrite the costs of the INNOVATE! Business Challenge Finale.
- HSU’s Management students, with instructor Nancy Vizenor, and Don Smullin, executive director of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce, along with some chamber members provided collaboration and judging support. Media service packages were provided by Bicoastal Media and Eureka Broadcasting companies.
- New for 2017 was a Design Review competition for five additional concepts that the judges felt were compelling but in need of further development. These students presented their concept and were interviewed by another panel of judges earlier in the month. Those five concepts were recognized and awarded at the finale and encouraged to continue with their idea and re-enter next year’s competition.
- Ben Goodwin and Devon Wellington, Six Rivers Charter High School – Finger Tops: \$300;
 - Alex Harding, Fortuna High School – Junkin’ Treasures: \$250;
 - Ricky Fedder and Robby Veatch, Eureka Community School – Solar Vinyl: \$200;
 - Daniel McCann-Sayles and Eli Stockwell, Arcata High School – eCan: \$150;
 - Dallas Daynard, McKinleyville High School – Wifi Auto Restart Program: \$100.

The Innovate Business Challenge is an entrepreneurial model that infuses creativity, design and innovation; as part of the Decade of Difference, it is designed to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs. For more information, contact Karen Brooks at (707) 445-7563 or kbrooks@hcoe.org, or visit decadeofdifference.org/innovate.

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CORRECTED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00207
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
MICHAEL JOSEPH KING
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170386
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner **MICHAEL JOSEPH KING** has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **MICHAEL JOSEPH KING** to Proposed name **MICHAEL DENNIS REEVES**.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file

a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: June 30, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: MAY 10 2017.
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA
Judge of the Superior Court
524, 531, 617, 614

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
JACOB MOONSTONE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170431
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **JACOB MOONSTONE** to Proposed name **JACOB KIRAN-MOONSTONE**.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: July 14, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: MAY 23 2017
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA
Judge of the Superior Court
531, 617, 614, 621

tion should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: July 14, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
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Date: MAY 23 2017
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
KRISTAL BROWN
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170411
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner **KRISTAL BROWN** has filed a petition

with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **ROSALIE ANNETTE BROWN** to Proposed name **KRISTAL ROSE BROWN**.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: July 7, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
3. A copy of this *Order to*

Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: MAY 19 2017
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Judge of the Superior Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE:
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A DAY AT THE RACES Redwood Pals Rescue sponsored Sparky at the Kinetic race, with "Dogtown" columnists Hank and Mara Segal, left. Adoptable puppies got a little love, right. SPARKY PHOTO BY GAIL KENNY; PUPPY PHOTO BY JIM MARLATT



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